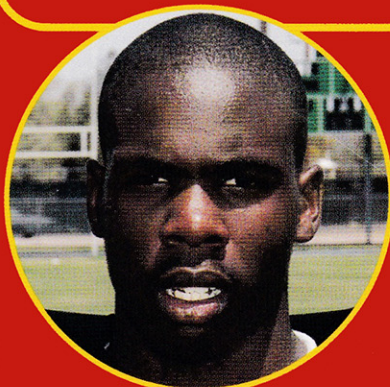


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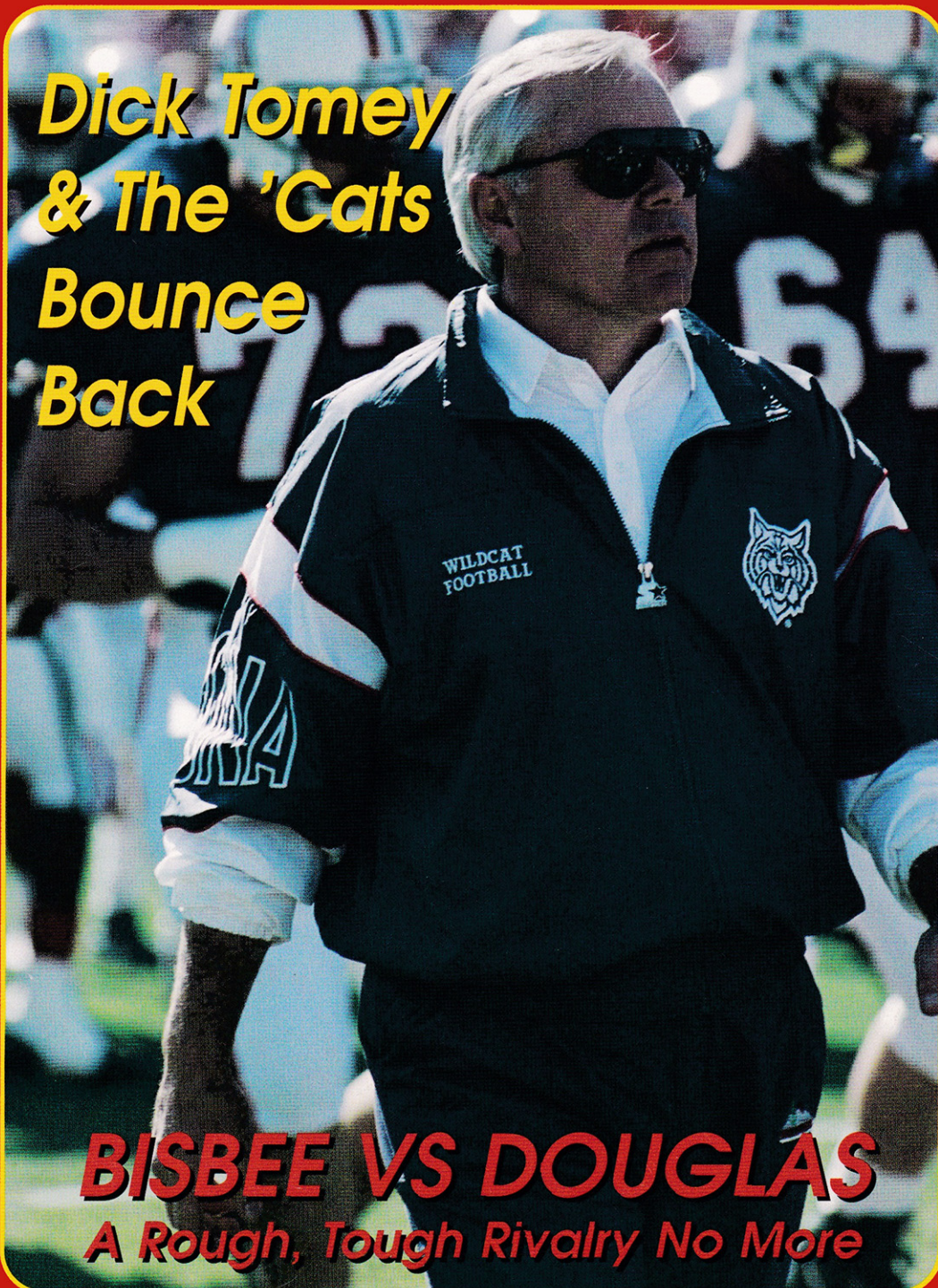


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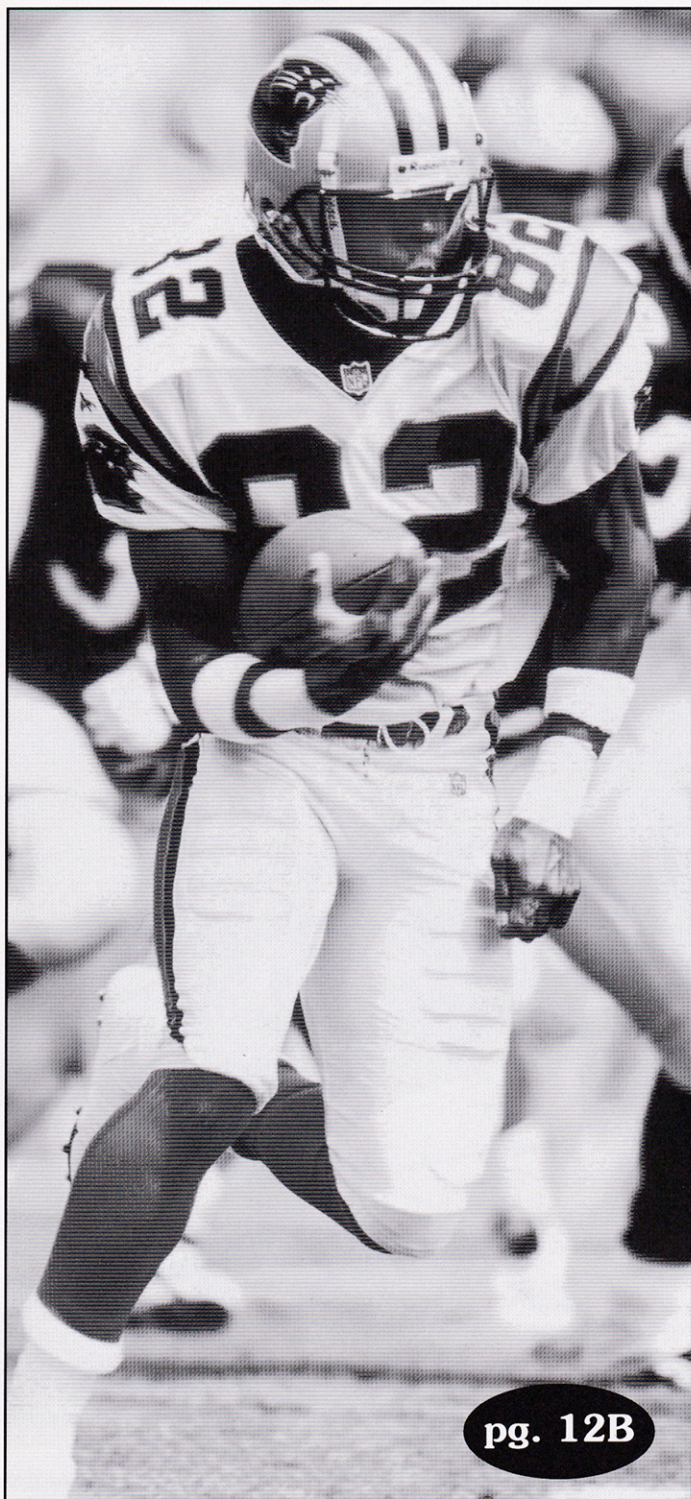
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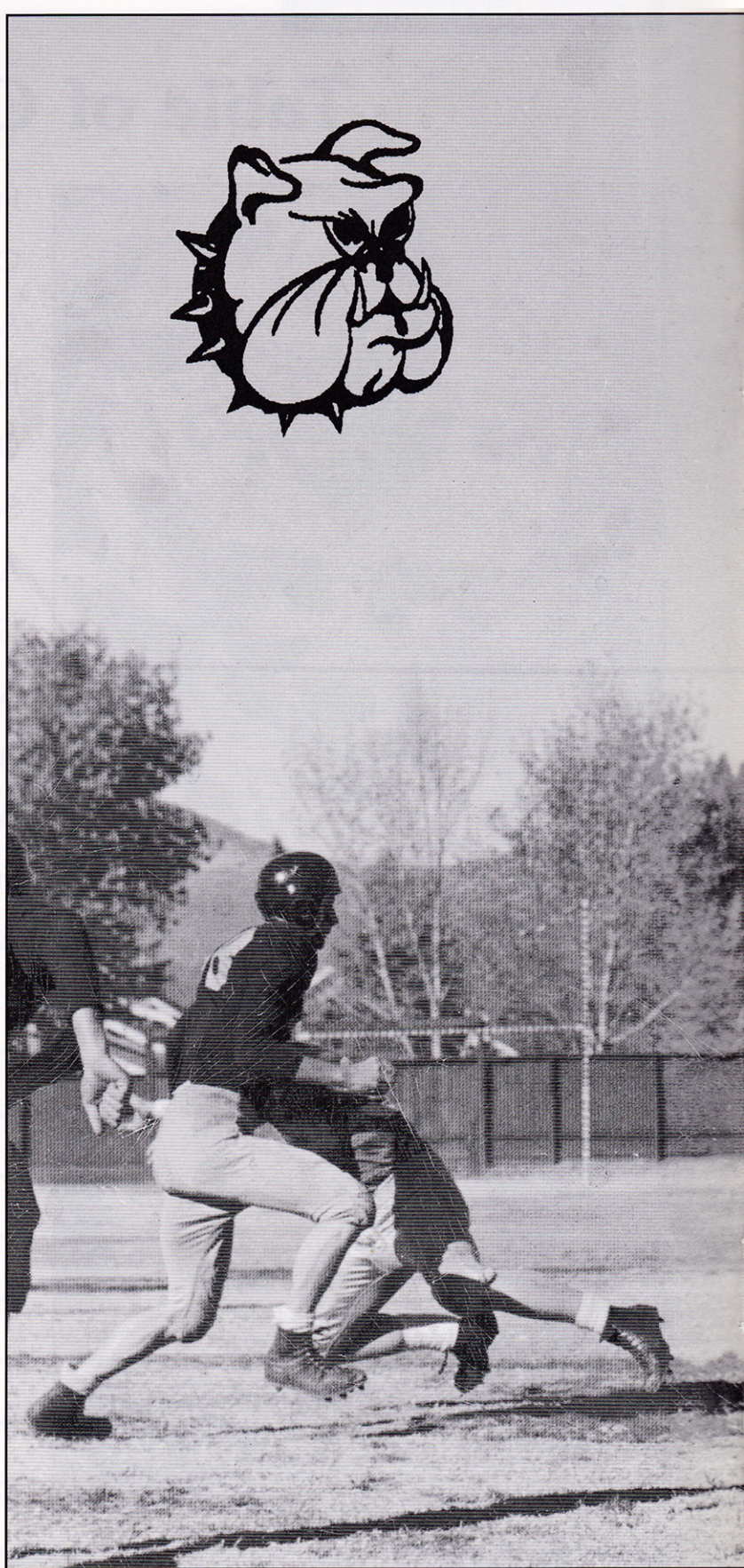
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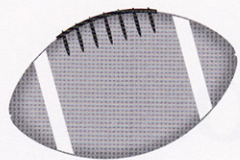
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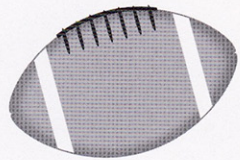
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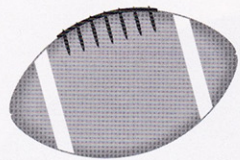
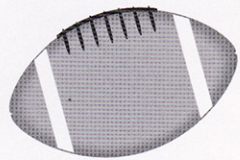
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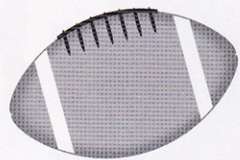
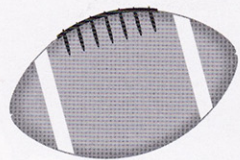
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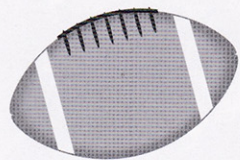
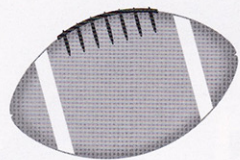
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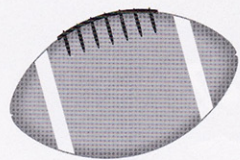
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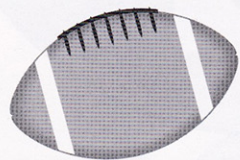
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Sept. 20 at Ohio State
Sept. 27 at UCLA
Oct. 4 San Diego State
Oct. 11 Stanford
Oct. 18 Washington
Oct. 25 at Washington State
Nov. 8 Oregon State
Nov. 15 California
Nov. 28 at Arizona State

1997

SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach Bruce Snyder

Aug. 30 New Mexico State
Sept. 13 at Miami
Sept. 20 BYU
Sept. 27 at Oregon State
Oct. 4 at Washington
Oct. 11 USC
Oct. 18 at Stanford
Nov. 1 Washington State
Nov. 8 at California
Nov. 15 Oregon
Nov. 28 Arizona

1997

LUMBERJACK FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach Steve Axman

Aug. 30 at New Mexico
Sept. 20 Minnesota-Duluth
Sept. 27 Portland State
Oct. 4 at Weber State
Oct. 11 Montana State
Oct. 18 at Sacramento
Oct. 25 Montana
Nov. 1 at Idaho State
Nov. 8 Eastern Washington
Nov. 22 at Cal State Northridge

CONSISTENCY GOAL FOR PAC-10 CHAMPS



Receiver Lenzie Jackson

By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

Bruce Snyder, the NCAA Coach of the Year, has made several things perfectly clear since his thrill-a-minute Sun Devils came within seconds of winning the 1996 national championship.

"We don't want to go to the Rose Bowl every 10 years," said Snyder. "Consistency is a proven mark of success, and we haven't proven that yet."

Those remarks came in reference to the fact that ASU's appearance in the '97 Rose Bowl was the school's first post-season game since beating Air Force in the '87 Freedom Bowl.

To list just a few items, Snyder, whose 11-1 squad dropped a heartbreaker to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, wants a program where the Devils attend a bowl each year, contend for the Pac-10 crown, and graduate its seniors.

Last year's run for the Roses was one of the most thrilling in school history. It was no fluke. Just take a look at April's NFL draft, and ASU fans couldn't help but feel proud. Eight Sun Devils were selected. Seven more signed free agent contracts.

Nobody produced more. Nebraska, Miami and A-State all had eight pro picks. The Devils lost a lot of talent, but a lot returns. The program looks solid. It's not perfect, yet. But it looks consistent. The best since 1987.

For the upcoming '97 campaign, the defending Pac-10 champs have switched the dates of three games to avoid playing 11-straight without a break. The Devils now have three bye weeks. And before you can say "Sun Devil," the season will be upon us.

New Mexico State comes to town in late August, when most fans are still at the beach. The date is August 30, so Camp Tontozona, the hideout north of Payson used as a preseason drill factory, opens early. Snyder, his staff and players will board the bus Aug. 12.

Two weeks after the Aggies visit Tempe, the Devils visit Florida, facing national power Miami on Sept. 13. One week later pass-happy BYU comes to town. Arizona State will not make a trip to Los Angeles, visits the Bay Area twice, and plays Washington State for the first time in three years.

Even with the loss of All-American Jake Plummer at quarterback, ASU's offense looks big and fast. Inexperience shows at three positions: quarterback, tight end and right tackle. But athletes are there.

If tailback Michael Martin (6-1, 209) is cleared from a neck injury, he'll join full-

SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS			
Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
QB	Chad Elliott	6-3, 190	Sacramento (Grant), Ca.
RB	Robert Thomas	5-11, 183	Las Vegas (Bonanza)
RB	Davaren Hightower	6-1, 190	Richardson (Lake Highlands), Tx.
RB	Larry Montgomery	6-2, 210	Diamond Bar (Troy), Ca.
WR	Clifton Jones	6-2, 180	Florence (Florence), Ariz.
WR	Justin Taplin	6-0, 180	Tempe (Tempe Union)
TE	Matt Cercone	6-5, 250	Bakersfield Junior College
OL	Scott Peters	6-3, 305	Pleasanton (Amador Valley), Ca.
OL	Ralph Zarate	6-5, 275	Tucson (Tucson)
LB	Joe Cesta	6-1, 235	Saddleback Junior College, Ca.
LB	Eric Fields	6-3, 200	Las Vegas (Western)
LB	Kyle Kosier	6-6, 225	Glendale (Cactus)
LB	Cody Price	6-3, 230	Mesa (Wretwood)
DL	Dayroni Harris	6-4, 280	Los Angeles Southwest Junior College
DL	Leroy Hawkins	6-4, 265	San Francisco City College
DL	Welton Kage	6-6, 255	Antelope (Center), Ca.
DB	James Dunn	5-10, 180	Corona (Centennial), Ca.
DB	Kyion Grayes	6-0, 185	Fullerton (Troy), Ca.
DB	Courtney Hysaw	5-10, 185	Denver (Montbello), Colo.
DB	Courtney Palmore	5-11, 177	Oxnard (Oxnard), Ca.
DB	John Kashner	5-10, 165	Tucson (Flowing Wells)
PK	Stephen Baker	5-11, 180	Bakersfield Junior College

back Jeff Paulk (6-1, 245) to give the Devils' a terrific one-two punch. Up front, Kyle Murphy (6-4, 298) might be one of the best at that position in the Pac-10, if not the country. He looks to be a high draft pick.

Sophomore back J.R. Redmond (6-0, 191) will see plenty of action. He (photo insert) returns kicks, catches the ball and throws it. Last year he tossed 16-yard scoring strike to Jake Plummer against UCLA.

Who starts at quarterback, junior Steve Campbell (6-8, 220) or redshirt freshman Ryan Kealy (6-1, 195), is up for grabs. Last season, playing behind Plummer, Campbell threw only 17 passes, completing eight for 76 yards.

Whatever, wide receiver looks to be a strength, with speed and athletic ability big pluses. Lenzie Jackson (#83 photo), Kenny Mitchell, Greig Spann, Ricky Boyer and Tariq McDonald, along with incoming frosh Justin Taplin, the state schoolboy player of the year, help form a

deep, solid nucleus, one of the Pac-10's best. Sophomore Kendrick Bates (6-5, 233), a former basketball star, could start at tight end. He'll be pushed by senior Zack Romero (6-4, 230).

Junior Grey Ruegamer (6-5, 287) has been switched from right tackle to left, replacing All-American Juan Roque. "I think Grey is one of the best tackles in the country," insists offensive coordinator Dan Cozzetto. "You don't find many linemen who are running downfield, making the extra block."

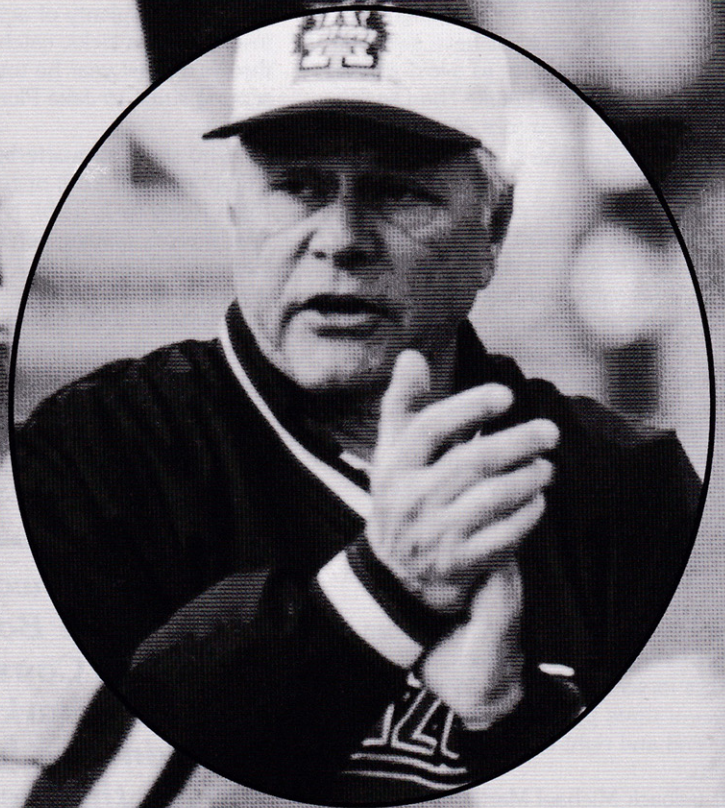
Junior Troy Davis (6-5, 252) or soph Thomas Schmidt (6-6, 259) will inherit Ruegamer's position on the other side. The coaches are high on left guard Kyle Murphy (6-4, 298), also. "He may be one of the best in the country," says one ASU aide. Murphy played all 103 snaps during a 48-35 double-overtime win over USC. Glen Gable (6-5, 295) and Victor Leyva (6-4, 290) will compete at right guard. Junior Randy Leaphart (6-3, 278) should start at center.

On defense, ASU returns five starters: three in the secondary, one at linebacker and one on the line. Defensive backs Damien Richardson, Jason Simmons and Courtney Jackson all started. The off-season status of safety Mitchell Freedman is uncertain. Linebacker Pat Tillman (5-11, 200) earned All-Pac-10 votes.

Up front, players like Vince Amey, Jeremy Staat, Albrey Battle, Derrick Ford, Hamilton Mee and Quincy Yancy get their chance to start.

"We don't want to go to the Rose Bowl every 10 years. Consistency is a proven mark of success, and we haven't proven that yet."

Dick Tomey and The 'Cats Bounce Back.



Quarterback Kevin Smith

By Lonnie Collins

It wasn't too long ago that Arizona's "Desert Storm" defense was the talk of the conference. But after last year's season finale, a 56-14 loss to rival Arizona State, the once proud Wildcat defense was left in shambles.

But that was last year. Watch for Dick Tomey and his 'Cats to bounce back. A lot can happen in one year. A lot can happen in the off-season.

No sooner had the dust cleared from a disappointing 5-6 campaign, when Tomey and his staff went to work to put the pieces back together.

On both sides of the ball.

Offensively, sophomore Kevin Smith (photo) returns at quarterback. Like all young starters in a tough conference, he rode a rollercoaster season. Two examples: 502 total yards against California (a 56-55 4OT loss), an NCAA single game total offense record for a freshman, including seven touchdowns. Then, against Rose Bowl bound Arizona State, he was sacked seven times, passed for only 91 yards and rushed for two.

Such is the world of a young Pac-10 quarterback. Still, the UA staff feels Smith (5-11, 202) has the ability, arm and skills to develop into one of the Pac-10's most dangerous threats. On the perimeter, Rodney Williams (6-1, 191), Jeremy McDaniel (6-0, 190) and young Dennis Northcutt (5-11, 160) are top-flight pass receivers. In two years, Williams has caught 71 passes. McDaniel hauled in 31 for 607 yards last season. Tight end Mike Lucky (6-6, 280) gives Smith a big target.

Senior Kevin Schmidtke (5-9, 191), a one-time state player of the year, and sophomores Trung Canidate (5-11, 185) and Leon Callen (5-9, 182) line up at tailback. Callen is battling an injury. Canidate, a former Phoenix Central all-stater, was a state 100-meter sprint champion (10.65) in 1995. Kelvin Eafon (6-1, 190) and Charles Myles (6-0, 241) give the 'Cats a good tandem at fullback.

Last year, the once proud Arizona defense slipped to eighth in the league. In the offseason, Arizona lost defensive coordinator Larry MacDuff to the New York Giants. Former UA assistant Rich Ellerson will replace him.

Good news came in the spring when

WILDCAT NEWCOMERS

Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
RB	Manuel Golden	5-11, 185	Phoenix (Washington)
RB	William Blocker	5-11, 210	San Bernardino (Pacific), Ca.
RB	Jeff Inmon	6-3, 230	Raleigh (Cardinal Gibbons), N.C.
RB	Jay Hinton	6-0, 202	Glendale Community College
WR	A.J. Brown	6-0, 180	Phoenix (Washington)
WR	Brandon Nash	6-2, 195	Beverly Hills, Ca.
TE	Brandon Manumaleuna	6-1, 260	Torrance (Narbonne), Ca.
TE	Ashley Burrows	6-6, 230	Mesa Community College
OL	David Hubbard	6-5, 280	Tucson (Sabino)
OL	John Mamolo	6-4, 275	Lafitte (Fisher Creek), La.
OL	Ega Usu	6-4, 290	El Camino Junior College
OL	Steven Grace	6-2, 270	Honolulu (Kamehameha)
OL	Edwin Mulitalo	6-4, 340	Ricks College, Idaho
LB	Reggie Hardy	6-0, 205	Galena Park (North Shore), Tx.
LB	Mike Wilson	6-0, 190	Corona (Centennial), Ca.
DL	Bryan Kula	6-4, 285	Phoenix (Brophy Prep)
DL	Anthony Thomas	6-3, 240	Pasadena (Pasadena), Ca.
DL	Eli Wnek	6-3, 225	Glendale (Ironwood)
DL	J.J. Joppru	6-4, 270	Fullerton Junior College
DB	Malosi Leonard	6-2, 210	Palmdale (Palmdale), Ca.
DB	Alex Luna	6-1, 220	San Fernando (San Fernando), Ca.
DB	Charles Nash Jr.	5-10, 175	Gardena (Serra), Ca.
DB	Jimmy Ray Brown	5-11, 175	Los Angeles (Jefferson)
P	Ryan Springston	6-1, 210	Butler County, Ks.

the NCAA granted all-star defensive tackle Joe Salave'a (6-4, 280), a second team All-Pac-10 pick, an extra year of play.

"This is the best single piece of news we've had," said Tomey. "It's a tribute to Joe for his hard work and academic focus, and a heck of a note for our team. He means everything to this team that a guy like Peyton Manning means to Tennessee."

Salave'a played in the East-West Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl, two NCAA-sanctioned all-star games which

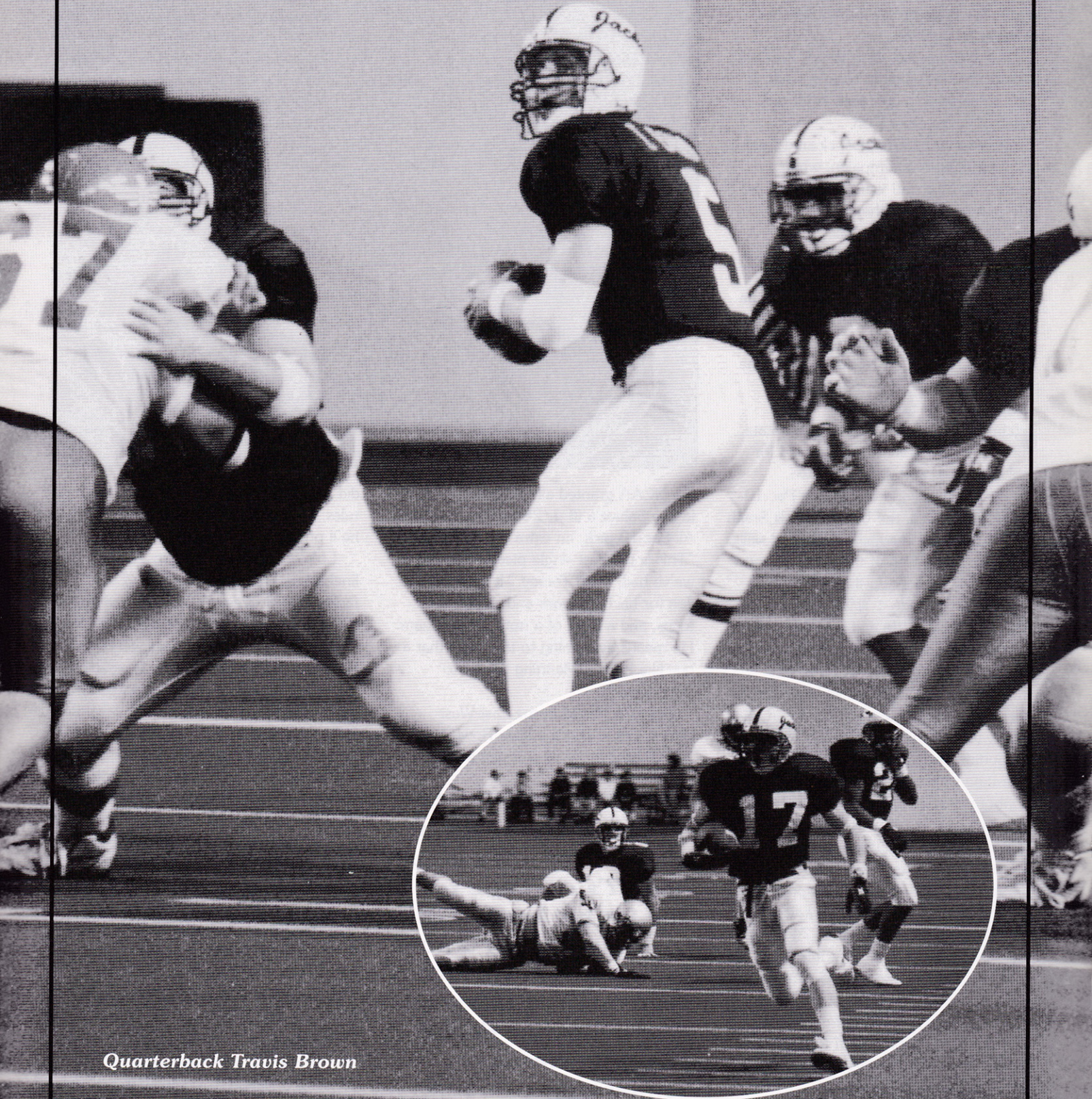
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did not affect his status under new NCAA rules. One of the team captains in '96, he'll probably be one again in 1997.

Lots of experience returns, including linebacker Jimmy Sprotte (6-2, 237), tackle Daniel Greer (6-2, 265), and ends Steve Tafua (6-3, 280) and Mike Szlauko (6-4, 250). Behind, the 'Cats will be led by middle linebacker Chester Burnett (5-10, 223), the team's leading tackler last year. Safety speed makes him one of the fastest 'backers in the Pac-10. Last year he recorded 124 tackles, best in the conference, recovered two fumbles, caused three, broke up three passes and picked off two - one for a touchdown. Redshirt junior Paul Shields, a former prep star from Paradise Valley, could back up Burnett.

In the secondary, UA returns five former starters: cornerbacks Chris McAlister (6-2, 185) and Kelly Malveaux (5-9, 179), strong safety Rashee Johnson (5-11, 195), and free safeties David Flipp (6-0, 179) and Mikal Smith (5-10, 166). McAlister, a junior to be, was first in the Pac-10 with six interceptions, and returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score against UCLA.

Three All-America Candidates Lead '97 Lumberjacks



Quarterback Travis Brown

By Jeff Krider

It's been an upbeat summer, to say the least. With 17 starters back from an excellent 9-3 club, NAU looks tough.

Coach Steve Axman has three All-America candidates to work with: sophomore quarterback Travis Brown (Phoenix Moon Valley), offensive tackle Dan Finn (Mesa Westwood) and wideout Ricky Pearsall (Flagstaff). "Any coach in the conference would love to build a season around those three," claims one Big Sky head coach.

Last year's young club dropped a 42-31 opening round playoff game to Furman, the school's first such contest in the 1-AA national playoffs. But eight starters are back from one of the most prolific offenses in Big Sky history.

In 1996, the Lumberjacks set or tied 14 national records, leading the nation in scoring and total offense. The defense, which caved in late in the season, looks improved, with nine starters and some talented newcomers.

Throw in All-America punt returner Pearsall (photo insert) and it's easy to see why expectations run high in Flagstaff. In fact, one national publication, *The Sporting News*, ranks the 'Jacks No. 1 in the nation in Division I-AA.. From sideline to sideline, NAU will field one of the most talented offenses in 1-AA football. Four starters return from an offensive line that sprung Archie Amerson loose for 2,079 yards. Before picking up his diploma, Amerson carried off the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the nation's I-AA Player of the Year.

"It will be hard for us to produce the same numbers," says offensive coordinator Brent Myers. "With the loss of Archie, you take 2,000 yards away. He made us better at a lot of positions."

Despite the loss of Amerson, the 'Jacks appear loaded. Sophomore Travis Brown (photo) was terrific, completing 223 of 411 passes (54%) for 3,398 yards and 23 touchdowns. Only nine passes were intercepted. "Travis now needs to work on detail," claims Myers. "He can play and he knows the system, so now he can really focus on making himself a better all-around player. The kids believe in him. He is a very natural leader and our players have no doubt he will succeed."

Wideouts Gibbons St. Paul and Pearsall were all over the field. St. Paul caught 50 passes for 975 yards and six

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Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
QB	Preston Parsons	6-3, 190	Portland (Jesuit), Oregon
RB	Francis St. Paul	5-10, 185	Los Angeles (Murphy)
WR	Christopher Nash	5-9, 175	Flagstaff (Coconino)
TE	Stevan Fontana	6-5, 240	San Geronimo (Marin), Ca.
OL	Kenny Hale	6-3, 260	Phoenix (South Mountain)
OL	Chris Hann	6-4, 270	Glendale (Cactus)
OL	Eric Damko	6-5, 265	Temecula Valley, Ca.
OL	Kevin Damko	6-5, 265	Temecula Valley, Ca.
OL	Nick Yerton	6-3, 280	Crescenta Valley, Ca.
LB	Kacey Allen	6-0, 215	Long Beach (Poly), Ca.
LB	Ricky Lavender	6-1, 180	Oakland (McClymonds)
LB	Terrance Petty	6-3, 234	Moorpark Junior College, Ca.
DL	Timmy Jones	6-4, 235	Omaha (Millard South)
DL	Malachai Keddington	6-3, 275	Palmdale (Highland), Ca.
DL	Andrew Anthony	6-1, 250	Phoenix (St. Mary's)
DB	Ricky Lavender	6-0, 170	Oakland (McClymonds)
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DB	Chris Byers	5-10, 194	Riverside Junior College
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PK	Ty Dondelinger	5-11, 190	Novato (Marin Catholic), Ca.

scores. Pearsall caught 47 for 728 yards and three TDs. And this in an offense with a back rushing for 2,000 yards.

The receiving corps may be the most talented position on the squad. Six receivers with at least 20 catches return. Wideouts Mike Lemo and Dion Black, two of the fastest squad members, also return.

"This is an area in which we are really going to be good," adds Myers. "St. Paul is a big-play guy and Pearsall is a natural leader. Lemos and Black are both poised for the kind of break-through season St. Paul and Pearsall had last year."

Another offensive threat is tight end Ray Flores, another Mesa Westwood product, who caught 23 passes, including

a 67-yard touchdown.

On the line, Finn (6-4, 290), left guard David Heasman (6-5, 335), center Ryan Lingenfelder (6-2, 280), and right guard James Martin (6-4, 320) return. Finn was a first team All-American, Lingenfelder was second team all-league, and Martin has been granted an extra hardship year by the NCAA.

Defensively, NAU lost two exceptional players to graduation, tackle Pete Petrucci and end Kevin Kolkman. But tackle Jarrett Loggins (6-3, 281) and end Nick Petrucci (6-3, 240) return. David Couture (6-2, 240) progressed and could replace Kolkman at end.

The outside linebackers are strong, quick and experienced. "It could be one of the team's best positions," says defensive coordinator Robb Akey.

Damion Davis (5-10, 181), Afa Faraimo (5-10, 201) and Troy Campbell (5-10, 181) return to the outside corps. Young Faraimo (see cover) prepped at Long Beach Poly, the most productive high school ever for the National Football League. Campbell played at Phoenix Washington. Redshirt freshman Walter Jefferson, a Tucson Amphi product, was the 'Jacks' scout team player of the year.

Lots of experience returns in the secondary, too. Cleveland Dansby, the former South Mountain quarterback, Samaji Akili, Renal Robinson, Cedric Jones, Ryan Hill and Rod Washington all played and figure to improve.

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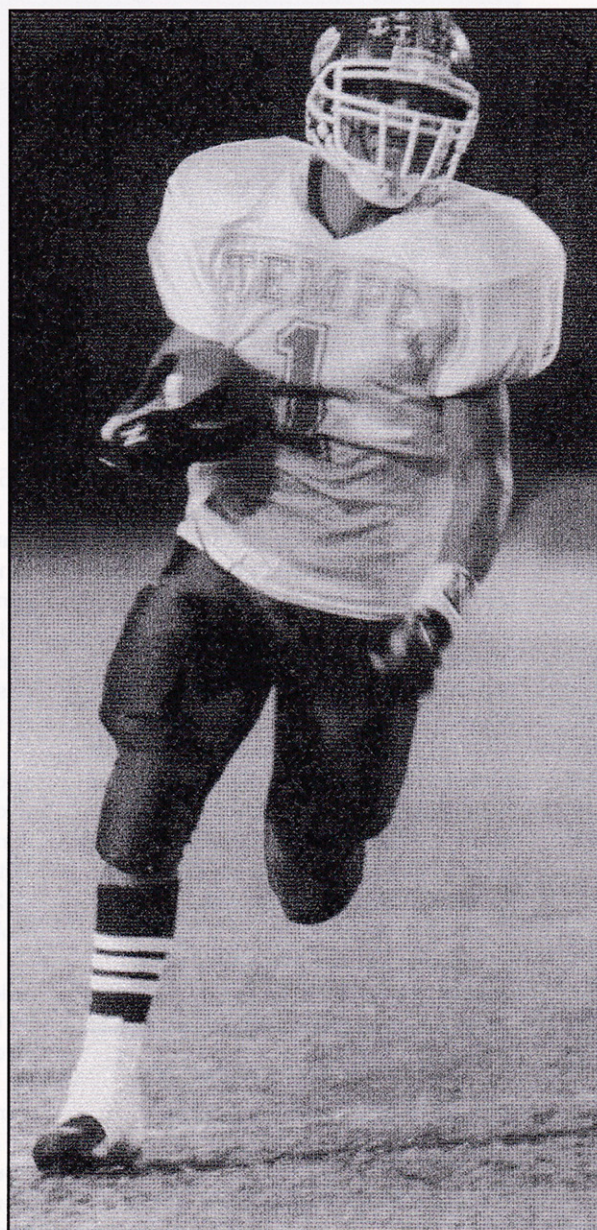


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PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1996.....JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe (WR/KR)
1995.....MIKE BROWN
.....Saguaro (RB/DB)
1994.....TAVON COOPER
.....Peoria (RB/RS)
1993.....KEVIN SCHMIDTKE
.....Marana Mtn. View (RB)
1992.....MIKE MITCHELL
.....Brophy Prep (RB)
1991.....CHRIS HOPKINS
.....Tucson Salpointe (RB)
1990.....MARIO BATES
.....Tucson Amphi (RB)
1989.....BRIAN DREW
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1988.....ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita (WR)
1987.....KEVIN GALBREATH
.....Phoenix Maryvale (RB)
1986.....BOBBY VALDEZ
.....Tucson Sunnyside (QB)
1985.....CLEVELAND COLTER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1984.....STEVE BELLES
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
(QB)
1983.....ANTHONY PARKER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1982.....RODNEY PEETE (jr)
.....Tucson Sahuaro (QB)
1981.....STAN GILL
.....Flagstaff (RB)
1980.....FRED SIMS
.....Tucson Sunnyside (RB)
1979.....MOSSY CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (DB)
1978.....MIKE CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1977.....ALVIN MOORE
.....Coolidge (TB)
.....RIKI GRAY
.....Tucson Amphi (LB)
1976.....GREG BRADY
.....Coronado (QB)
1975.....BRIAN FELIX



**Justin Taplin, an Arizona State signee,
caught 75 passes for 1,295 yards and 16
touchdowns (Amy Blodgett photo).**

.....Phoenix Union (RB)
1974.....DAVID MITCHELL (jr)
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
TIE.....JIMMY MOORE
.....Marcos de Niza (TE/DE)
1973.....ROB WILSON
.....Coronado (QB/DB)
1972.....JESSE PARKER
.....Tucson Rincon (RB)
1971.....FRED MORTENSEN
.....Tempe (QB)
1970.....BILL CROWE
.....Tempe McClintock (LB)
1969.....BENNY MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1968.....JOE PETROSHUS
.....Tucson (HB)
1967.....TIM SMITH
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
1966.....BOB SOZA
.....Mesa Westwood (TB)
.....BILL DAWSON
.....Tucson (OT/DT)
1965.....ART MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (TB)
1964.....LEROY PEOPLES
.....Marana (HB)
1963.....JAMES DUGAN
.....Flagstaff (HB/DB)
1962.....EVERETT ROLLINS
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (HB)
1961.....ANDY LIVINGSTON
.....Mesa (TB)
1960.....TED LAWRENCE
.....South Mountain (G)
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.....South Mountain (FB)
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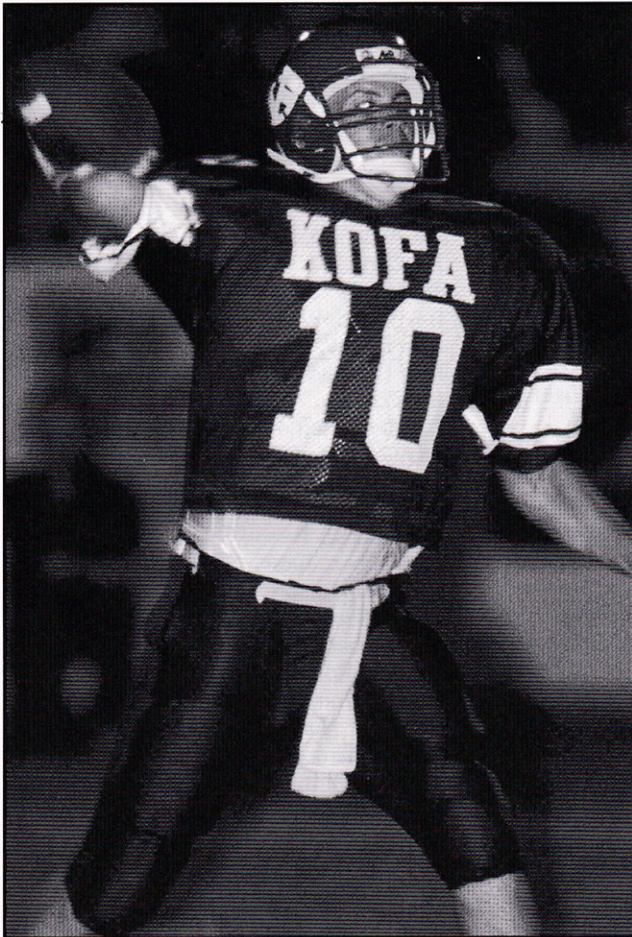
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Amphi halfback Antrel Bates rushed for 1,812 yards, most ever by a Tucson junior (Tucson Citizen photo).

Tucson Amphi Football Legions Rule Southern Arizona

5A South

It was called a rebuilding year. **Tucson Amphi** entered the 1996 campaign with 26 underclassmen on the roster. Two were sophomores. But then, outstanding programs seldom have rebuilding years. Coach Vern Friedli's forces, with underclassmen like Antrel Bates playing key roles, ended the season in the state semifinals, a 38-7 thumping by Brophy Prep. But along the playoff path the Panthers nailed Tempe McClintock 28-14, and Mesa 24-7. In September, Amphi's young guns earned their spurs early, stunning Las Cruces Mayfield 21-14. It was the opener for both teams and Mayfield's only loss all year. Bates, who is not related to ex-Amphi stars Mario, Michael or Marion, finished with 155 yards on 21 carries in his first varsity game. "As young as we are, we needed this one," Friedli told the press afterwards. Three months

later the Panthers were 12-1 and Friedli was 237-90-2 in the profession. Only one other active coach, Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer, has more wins (256).

Bates (6-0, 180), a kick returner deluxe, finished with 1,812 yards and 24 touchdowns. His rushing yardage was the most ever by a Tucson junior. It looks like quarterback Jesse Quintana (5-9, 16) is the man to run the Amphi wishbone, which last year rolled for 456 points. Fullbacks Josh Brown (5-10, 210) and Casey Tribolet (5-10, 175) add depth to the backfield. Both play defense, too. Damien Rodriguez (6-0, 210), Brian Cleveland (6-1, 240), Jared Barnett (5-10, 210) and Mark Gutierrez (6-2, 250) anchor a solid, experienced line. Gutierrez is just a junior. So is tight end/linebacker John Felix (6-4, 225), a potential star. Defensively, Todd Drakulich (5-9, 160) is the leader of an improved secondary which includes Tribolet and

Adam Lile (5-11, 175). Donovan Ward (6-1, 205) and Brian Stevens (5-10, 180) start at linebacker. Justin Foss (5-10, 180) lines up at tight end. Little Artie Martinez (5-8, 165) was the best kicker in the 5A South, making 37 extra points and three field goals. The Panthers, like several Tucson schools, play another out-of-state opponent, Orem, Utah. The game is in Tucson.

It's a similar story at **Canyon del Oro**, although the Dorados return no all-conference picks. "We will be much improved in every phase of the game, including depth," says Rick Werbylo, whose club went 4-6. Quarterback Scott Beck (6-0, 167) is the key player. If he hits on all cylinders the Dorados will be tough. Up front, he should get good protection, too. Ivan Tjosem (5-11, 260), Marco Jimenez (6-0, 226), Gerry Morales (5-8, 181), Adam Demarco (5-11, 175) and Mike Lawhead (6-0, 193) are game

tested. Brian Hyatt (6-2, 180) looks like the best back. Mike McCartney, Beau Rapier and Grant Rogers form a solid receiving corps. Steve Debeauchamp starts at linebacker. Waiting in the wings is young Ryan Schroyer, an excellent all-around athlete who can play quarterback, running back or safety. He's just a sophomore. The Dorados have non-region games against Gilbert Highland, Phoenix Trevor Browne and Mesa Red Mountain.

Only 10 players return from last year's **Tucson Salpointe** squad, but several are quality players. Tight end Ryan Carr (6-2, 230), with 4.9 speed, appears headed for a good season. Carr, along with defensive back Brad Byrge (6-2, 180), linebacker Greg Hoffman and guard Lenny Spatola earned all-conference votes. Quarterback Benny Winslow (6-2, 180) will run the Lancers' Wing-T offense. Roberto Acosta (5-9, 165) and Mark Wystrach (6-2, 180) are split receivers with good speed. Kris Machain (5-11, 180) doubles at fullback/linebacker. "We were knocked out too soon," claims Pat Welchert, evaluating his 7-4 club which fell 28-20 to Mesa in the first round of the 5A playoffs. "We had a great senior class."

So did **Tucson High**, where only 14 players return from a 5-4-1 club. The Badgers, coached by Todd Mayfield, played the last two weeks of the season for a playoff spot, but just missed out. Seven starters off the line, including All-American Ralph Zarate (ASU), graduated, so that position looks weak. Still, Raun Stout (6-2, 210) is back at center. He also plays defensive end. All-South defensive back Jesus Garcia (5-9, 150) scored two touchdowns, one an interception return against Sunnyside. Jeremy Conley (5-10, 170) plays in the secondary and starts a wideout. Halfback Dennis Jones (5-10, 160) looks like the Badgers' best runner. Fullback Kevin Ward (5-10, 200) doubles at nose guard. He's a tough one. Brian Williams (6-4, 210) is a two-way end. Adian Diaz (6-3, 275) and Mike Gebhart (6-0, 175) are solid, two-way linemen. Tucson High is just seven wins shy of becoming the second school in Arizona history to win 500 football games.

In Sierra Vista, the **Buena Colts** lost only three games, but two were knockouts: 49-3 to Sunnyside; 57-7 to Amphi. The other was a 15-14 heartbreaker to Salpointe, after leading 14-0. Using three different quarterbacks seemed to bog down the Colts' offense. But good-sized linemen return, including John Goggin (6-6, 250) and Bryan Goggin (6-2, 230), just a sophomore. Center Jeremy Prince

(6-0, 190) returns, along with the No. 2 rusher in the 5A South, Sergio Romo (5-10, 175), who gained 1,484 yards on 174 carries. He scored 15 touchdowns, including three during a 325-yard night against Tucson Santa Rita. Junior David Williams (5-10, 165) was a second team all-conference pick in the secondary. Jake Thrasher (5-8, 160) doubles at running back/linebacker. Shane Hall, just a junior, could get the call at quarterback. With 22 lettermen back Buena should be competitive, but probably not up to the standards of Amphi, CDO, Salpointe and Sunnyside.

Speaking of **Sunnyside**, the Blue Devils, one of three Southern teams in the 5A playoffs, finished 7-4 after an early exit. Phoenix Maryvale sent them packing, 34-14. Twenty-three underclassmen logged playing time - including 15 sophomores! Two players, junior deep back B.J. Mills (6-0, 168) and place kicker Orlando Rodriguez (5-10, 185) earned votes on the city's all-star squad. Rodriguez lettered as a freshman. Two-way back Carlos Guzman (5-10, 155), linebacker Bobby Valenzuela (6-0, 188) and receiver/defensive back Rocky Garza (5-9, 166) are veteran players.

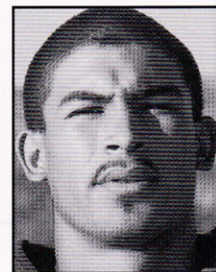
Still, the youngest squad in the city might be at **Pueblo**, where the Warriors could start 19 juniors. Coach Tony Gomez watched his outmanned club score just 41 points in 10 games. The defense gave up 424. In fact, the Warriors have yielded 864 points in the past two years. Improvement is the battle plan for players like quarterback James Molina, halfback Richard Morales and defensive back Angel Acuna. All three are juniors. Look for senior Johnny Cruz to start at tight end. The defense looks a little better with linebackers Mario Escobedo and Art Ortega - the only seniors on the defensive front - back for one more shot.

5A Central

Curt Weber returns to **Yuma**, a school he coached to 6-4 and 7-3 seasons in 1992-93. It will be a challenge, but big, physical linemen give the Criminals a chance. Aaron Grant (6-3, 260) starts at tackle, and could also play linebacker. Jeff Ordway (6-7, 275), Dan Doerr (5-9, 260), Fred Dammeyer (6-3, 220), Bill McKenzie (6-3, 220), Scott DeLoge (6-1, 210), Sergio Vasquez (5-11, 260) and Jason Chretien (6-1, 260) help form the biggest forward wall in the Central Region. Seniors Rocky Vandenburg, Nick Sust and Bobby McClendon are veteran



Antrel Bates
Tucson Amphi



Sergio Romo
Buena

skill players.

It went from bad to worse at **Casa Grande**. The Cougars beat Nogales 22-15 in their opener, then dropped nine straight. In the process, the defense gave up 430 points. Somehow, the coaching staff needs to find a way to get the ball to Joey Graves, a slick 6-1, 175-pound all-region wide receiver. He also plays in the secondary. That job belongs to quarterback Jon Roberts (6-2, 185), the key figure in the game plan if the team is to avoid another 1-9 finish. Two-way back T.J. Rackley (5-10, 170) saw playing time as a sophomore. Felipe Canales (5-11, 235) and junior Tommy Tracas (6-2, 235) will be asked to go both ways on the line.

5A Desert Valley

Back in Yuma, the **Kofa Kings** played well at the end, but still finished 3-8. Fourth-year coach Louis Nightingale has one of the best signal callers in the state, quarterback David Gatliff. The 6-3, 210-pound senior completed 143 of 281 passes (51%) for 2,275 yards and 19 touchdowns. He threw for 317 yards against Scottsdale Horizon and tossed five TD strikes against San Diego Montgomery. Two receivers, Jeff Weiss (20 catches, 466 yds.) and Matt Tams (20 & 364), are back. Two-way back Bo Gonzalez (5-10, 180), defensive end Mike Lillic (5-10, 190), and linebacker Feli Rodriguez (5-11, 205) started. Lineman Dan Cross (6-0, 195) goes both ways. Seniors Dean Farar, Scott Cuciu and Joemar McDonnell should start. "If the breaks go our way it could be a good season," says Nightingale.

5A East Valley

Improvement is needed everywhere at **Yuma Cibola**. The Raiders were winless in 10 games, giving up 361 points and scoring just 54. Several underclassmen played well, including defensive back Lando Johnson (5-9, 170), an honorable

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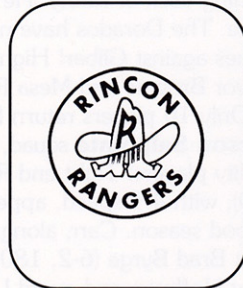
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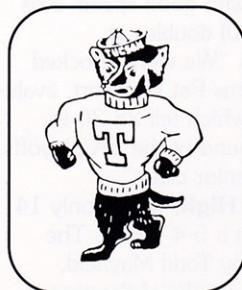
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mention all-region pick with 4.4 speed. Quarterback Jeremy Miller (6-1, 185) and junior tackle Jesus Dominguez (6-2, 260) stood out.

4A Kino

Five 4A schools from the South reached the playoffs, but only **Tucson Sabino** advanced past the first round. "Key injuries at the end of the season made for a disappointing ending," says Jeff Scurran, whose winning percentage (.757) is one of the best in the state. "At least we lost to an excellent team."

That team was eventual state champ Tempe, which nipped the Sabercats 21-13 in a real thriller in the semifinals. That finished Sabino's season at 12-1. The campaign included a 49-12 win over Chillicothe, Ohio, a 36-17 rout of 5A Tucson Salpointe, and a 55-7 thrashing of defending state champ Scottsdale Saguaro. The 'Cats averaged a city record 48.2 points and ground out 5,621 yards along the way. Exactly 1,784 yards returns in the form of one player, quarterback Ryan Gaines (6-0, 180), who completed 81 of 132 passes (.614) for 27 touchdowns and three interceptions. Up front, Sabino has a top-flight tackle in all-stater Mike Shaffer (6-6, 285), "a big-time college prospect," according to his coach. Glen Whalen (6-2, 2130), Brent Gambrell (6-2, 210) and Joe Price (6-0, 280) form a solid wall. Price is the center. Tight end Doyal Butler (6-4, 225) caught 11 passes for 341 yards and five scores. Wideout Andy Buben (5-10, 180) gets a chance to start. Speedy Nathan Wize (5-9, 190, 4.5) and Tony Lopez (6-0, 180) start in a secondary which intercepted 27 passes. Wize picked three. Evan Abell (6-1, 190) and Jabez Carnero (5-10, 185) start at linebacker. Alan Bayze (5-8, 150) takes over the kicking chores. Playing for this team he'll get lots of practice. The Sabercats JV squad finished 8-0. In September, Sabino travels to San Diego and plays Bonita Vista High in Chula Vista. Since 1992, the 'Cats are 4-2 against out-of-state competition. This year SHS switches to the Kino Region. That will be the only change.

At **Mountain View**, the Lions are trying to bounce back from a 4-6 campaign which registered only 191 points. With the return of quarterback James McPherson, a 6-1, 175-pound senior, that output should improve. McPherson is one of 19 returning lettermen. Linebacker/fullback Robert Fritzing (6-0, 166) is another. Both earned all-region

Streak Busters

Class 3A state champion **Blue Ridge** of Lakeside enters the 1997 football campaign with a 39-game winning streak, second longest in state history. The state's all-time leaders, and the schools which beat them:

Students	School	Year	Lost To/Score
43	*St. Johns	1992-95	Monument Valley, 24-16
39	Lakeside Blue Ridge	1994-96	Active!
34	Round Valley	1977-81	Payson, 21-20
32	Tucson High	1943-45	El Paso Austin, Tx., 7-0
29	Patagonia	1986-87	Valley Union, 26-8
27	Pima	1969-71	Fredonia, 57-28
27	Phoenix St. Mary's	1984-86	Phoenix Moon Valley, 14-7
26	Coolidge	1942-45	Mesa, 27-12
25	Phoenix Carver	1951-53	Blythe, Ca., 20-14
25	*Bisbee	1953-56	Tucson High, 12-6
25	Safford	1968-70	Agua Fria, 48-26

*Includes ties.

Patagonia & Pima play 8-man football.

acclaim. Up front, MVHS returns a lot of beef: Jesse Bastin (210), David Jopp (225), Nick Haynes (205), John Vance (235), Bruce Mawby (201) and Kenny Brennan (310). Asanti Williams, at 6-2, 205, is a good-sized linebacker. Little Gens Goodman will probably take over the place kicking.

Flowing Wells won six games, just enough to earn enough points for a play-off berth. But Scottsdale Coronado sent the Caballeros home early, 14-0. It was John Kashner's last game. He's now the head coach at Coolidge. His son, quarterback/defensive back John Jr., is now a freshman at Arizona State. Still, 18 players return, including two who lettered as freshmen: halfback Ryan Sandoval (6-1, 180) and linebacker Dusty Pearce (5-10, 185). But defensive end Derek Leeman (6-2, 185) is the Cabs' top prospect. The next five earned post-season honors: defensive back Andrew Roberts, defensive end Josh Sieczkowski, linebacker Norman Braeseker, and wide receivers Jason Guglielmo and Ken Wujcik. Last year's squad finished 6-4-1.

At **Tucson Santa Rita** head coach Russ Stovall started five sophomores. The result was predictable: 2 wins, 8 losses. "But we showed lots of progress, and our JV squad lost only once," says Stovall. The offense needs the most work, having scored only 94 points. Junior quarterback Donnie Bunyon (5-10, 165) passed for 616 yards in five games. Junior wideout Tony Manning (5-10, 160) caught 22 passes. Junior tailback Aaron Godfrey (5-11, 180), who doubles at linebacker, rushed for 707 yards. Two-way end Jeff

Randels (6-1, 220), a three year starter, earned post season honors. Josh Hansen (5-8, 186) starts at center. Tackles Alex Lopez (6-0, 250), Chris Johnson (6-4, 230) and Cedric Cook (5-10, 230) look better. The defense looks improved, too, especially in the secondary. David Wilkison (5-11, 165), Jeff Anderson (6-1, 175) and Chris McLaughlin (5-8, 158) should start. Defensive linemen Joseph Fontes (5-11, 186) and Rafael Sanchez (5-11, 205) are two-way players. Junior Luis Lopez (5-10, 175) doubles at line-backer/running back.

In **Douglas**, improvement was the name of the game, and the Bulldogs (5-5) did just that. Only league champ Tucson Sahuaro scored more points than the 'Dogs (264). "Every week was a battle for our kids," claims third-year coach Mark Brunenkant. "But we improved in many areas." Several key players return, including halfback David Acosta (5-10, 170), who rushed for 1,044 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. He started with a bang, gaining 186 yards and three TDs in the school's opener with Catalina Foothills. Josh Necas (6-4, 215) is a talented two-way end. Especially defensively. Vince Cardona (5-9, 200) is the Dogs' quarterback, but his strength is at linebacker. J.D. Morales (5-10, 190) doubles at full-back/linebacker. Ruben Flores (5-9, 220), Joe Couch (5-10, 225) and Michael Barrett (6-3, 225) form a solid front. Barrett is just a junior. The Bulldogs' premier players look like Acosta and Necas.

Tucson Desert View reached the playoffs, but the trip was a disaster. Cross-town rival Sabino sent the Jaguars

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(7-4) home early, 69-14. Only 16 seniors played. The rest were underclassmen, including five sophomores. One, defensive back Christian Romero (5-9, 150), is a dandy. He can also play quarterback. Flanker Miguel Encinas, safety Tony Caudillo, halfback Pedro Reyes, punter Alfonso Bojorquez and Romero have two more years of varsity play left. Senior Randy Creighton (6-2, 215) is the club's best two-way lineman. Tackle Roberto Braun (6-2, 292) is the biggest Jaguar in camp.

4A Sonoran

Tucson Sahuaro also switches regions, but the results should be similar. Last year the Cougars rolled to another league crown, posting a 7-4 record and outscoring 11 opponents 331 points to 188. Glendale Ironwood sent them packing in the playoff's first round, 31-21. Fullback/linebacker Brian Quintero (5-11, 225) is the key guy. He rushed for 638 yards and scored eight TDs during the regular season. Twenty underclassmen played, including sophomore tackle Charles Eastering (6-1, 260). Counting Quintero, six Cougars earned all-region honors in some form or another: defensive backs Joe Christ and Mike LaCoss, split end B.J. Moore, tackle Pat Halstead, nose guard Khoa Nguyen and Quintero.

It was a banner year at **Marana**, to say the least. The Tigers' early upset of Tucson Sahuaro was a highlight. Going to the playoffs for the first time in 11 years was another. Kingman sent the Tigers (7-4) home after the first round, 48-22. Defensive end Jacob Lindsey (6-1, 200) was the key player for the No. 1 defensive unit in the region. He plays tight end and does the team's punting. Receiver/defensive back Jay Sharp (6-1, 175), with 4.6 speed, is a double threat. In fact, Lindsey and Sharp are two of the better players in Southern Arizona. Linebacker Richard Herrera (5-9, 190) is also the Tigers' fullback. Junior running back Clay Hardt (6-1, 175) starts at safety. Senior Frank West (6-4, 200) joins several juniors, including Corey Brown (5-11, 230), Darly Finrock (5-11, 210) and Ricky Cano (5-10, 210), on the line. Two little Tigers, Ricky Torres (5-7, 175) and Sam Rodriguez (5-8, 200), are big play linebackers.

An injury to the team's top player, halfback Jason Brenner, spelled doom for **Nogales**. The Apaches managed a 3-7 finish and return 17 players, including 10 starters on offense. Coach Jim Paul thinks his club has a playoff shot and he might be right. In Gilbert Tovar (6-1, 175, 4.6), Paul returns the No. 1 receiver in Southern Arizona. Tovar caught 48 passes for 879 yards and 8 TDs. But quarterback Roger Fontes (6-4, 180) is the main man. He hit for 1,347 yards and 10 touchdowns. If he stays healthy the Apaches' offense could roll. Especially if tackles Isaac Madril (6-5, 265) and Enrique Martinez (6-0, 280) do a good job. Luis Coronado (6-2, 220) is the squad's tight end. Halfback Marlon Bonillas (5-11, 200) doubles at linebacker. Chris Soto (5-10, 170), who backs up Fontes at quarterback, also plays in the secondary. Miguel Clark (6-3, 240) is an impressive tight end. So is nose guard Manny Mercado (6-3, 245). But senior Nick Acevedo (6-2, 275) could be the key player on the line. He missed last year because of an injury, but started on defense as a sophomore.

At **Tucson Palo Verde**, most of the players who finished the season return. Eighteen underclassmen saw action. Bob Sicilian's club finished 4-1 in league play (lost 56-0 to Sabino), 6-4 overall. Several Titans picked up all-region votes, including center Ray Baltierrez (6-2, 225), tight end Cedric Holliman (6-0, 180), guard Robert Burke (6-2, 215) and deep back J.J. Henderson (6-0, 170), the team's place kicker. Hard-running Joe Bingham

(6-2, 210) is an ideal fullback/linebacker. Wil Kenosha (5-10, 165) gets the call at quarterback, while linebacker Ryan Murphy (5-9, 185) and safety Joey Quiroga (5-10, 180) started. But the big picture at PV is the line, starting with tackle James Wells, a 6-5, 360-pound senior. Burke and Wells are joined by the likes of Aaron Stubbs (6-1, 245), John Talolo (6-1, 270) and Mike Biancuzzo (6-3, 215), forming the biggest forward wall in the city.

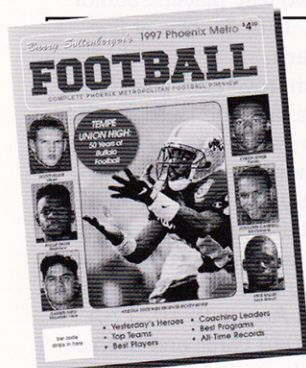
Although **Tucson Cholla** looks young, the Charges (4-6) should be bigger, faster and stronger than last year. "We are on the road to becoming a very competitive program," insists second-year coach Jeff Woodruff. Skill players, mostly young ones, stand out. The Chargers returned four punts and three kickoffs for touchdowns. Junior quarterback Jared Woodruff (5-11, 175), the coach's son, threw for over 1,000 yards. The entire secondary, including John Denny (6-3, 195), Cliff Moton (6-0, 175) and Jason King (5-10, 170), returns. Adam Valencia (6-1, 220) and Wolfgang Fahn (6-2, 230) anchor the line. Fahn is a junior. Tailback James Skinner (5-9, 175) transferred in from Tucson High, and could start.

Tucson Rincon, 2-8 and winless in the region, continues to struggle. The Rangers gave up 314 points, third highest in the city. Only Catalina Foothills (393) and Catalina (367) gave up more. Only 15 seniors lettered. The play of sophomore quarterback Miles Mason (6-2, 178) and junior Keith Michael (5-10, 150) stood out. So did the punting of Quin Davis, who averaged 48.2 yards per boot, best in the state. He had lots of practice. But he graduated. Mike Mülle (6-0, 260) and junior Gilbert Rodriguez (5-11, 280) are two of the biggest Rangers on campus.

4A East Sky

First-year coach Steve Neal has his hands full at **Apache Junction**, where stopping a 26-game losing streak is top priority for the Prospectors.

Tailback Dan Wilson (6-0, 190) managed 662 yards on 158 attempts. Quarterback Clayton Bried (5-11, 175) also returns to guide the offensive attack. Safety Jack Douglas (6-0, 170) doubles at wide receiver. Jesse Rice (6-4, 230) is a good looking two-way end. Tony Damiani (6-3, 240), Rob Kingman (6-1, 225) and James Earles (6-5, 265) are the biggest Prospectors in the program.



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3A South

Consistency is the name of the game at **Safford**, where Ken Guzik's teams have posted 10-2 and 10-1 seasons back-to-back. Last year the Bulldogs lost to Show Low in the 3A quarterfinals in overtime. "For the second straight year we lost in the playoffs in overtime," says Guzik, who could win his 100th game this year. "We hope to be in the playoff picture again this fall." Although the whole backfield graduated, two key linemen return: tackle Gabe Bowman (6-2, 205) and end Mark Emery (6-2, 200). Emery, with 4.8 speed, also plays linebacker. Guard Jeff Beals (6-3, 235) doubles at defensive end. Safety Kyle John (5-11, 180) takes over the quarterback chores. Jeff Cochran (5-10, 190) and Brady Good (5-10, 175) are solid two-way backs, although Cochran often plays linebacker. Eric Romero (5-9, 165) doubles at split end and cornerback. Everson Turner (6-1, 170), a promising two-way back, is just a sophomore. Reuben Stapanian, a transfer from Texas, could start at nose guard. Since 1985, Guzik-coached clubs have gone 94-35-0, for a .729 winning percentage. Ten of 12 teams have reached the playoffs.

A young, inexperienced **San Manuel** club went 4-2 then ran out of gas. "We should be very competitive," warns coach Mike Brown. "We're improved in the line and have some really quick backs." One is senior Juan Huerta (5-10, 185), whose 4.6 speed carried him for 960 yards (in six games), including a 99-yard touchdown sprint against Kearny Ray. Tackle Miguel Dominguez (6-3, 261) might be the Miners' best lineman since Warner Smith (U. of Arizona). In fact, SMHS might have the best defensive line in the league, with nose guard Josh Franco (5-9, 235), tackle James Aruizo (6-2, 245), and ends Junior Gonzales (6-2, 215) and Roy Quintero (5-10, 210) in the lineup. Brent Willard and Kyle Craig start at linebacker. Tight end Jerrell Jackson (6-4, 230) is just a junior, and a good one. Josh Hyde (5-10, 170) is a capable quarterback.

Injuries to its starting quarterback and tailback failed to keep **Sahuarita** out of the playoffs, but the Mustangs dropped a first round contest to Parker. Coach Chris Fanning's club finished 5-5 and return 14 lettermen, including seven starters. These four horses will make or break the season: Quarterback Ricky Alvarez (5-10, 166), fullback/linebacker Chris Culter (6-1, 205), linebacker Todd Piekosz (6-1, 205) and two-way tackle Lalito Rodriguez

(6-3, 210). In just five games, Alvarez passed for 489 yards. Cutler averaged 4.9 yards per carry and recorded 98 tackles. Piekosz - a terrific blitzing - recorded 23 tackles for losses. Tight end Joel Harris (6-0, 170) caught 19 passes, three for scores. Safety Taylor Fox (5-6, 155) intercepted three passes. Armando Peelman (6-1, 170) doubles at split end and cornerback.

At **Bisbee**, half the roster graduated, but several key players, including all-state punter Jay Breckenridge (6-4, 218), return. Another is "Johnny-on-the-Spot" linebacker Dale Brock (6-2, 205), who scored on a 29-yard fumble return against Douglas, and a 20-yard blocked punt against Safford. Breckenridge starts at tight end and plays linebacker. Quarterback Justin Ladd (6-3, 190), fullback Frank Rhodes (6-2, 219), deep back Trevor Hicks (6-0, 160) and wideout Ernie Rimer (5-8, 155) started in the Pumas' spread offense. Rimer is just a junior.

Benson, a frequent visitor to the 2A playoffs, moves up to the 3A South. Only nine Bobcats picked up diplomas, so this is a good year to make the jump. Eighteen underclassmen played, including eight sophomores. Quarterback Rory Bowen (5-9, 155) is a good athlete who plays in the secondary. Big Bob Balsiger (6-3, 230) is a two-way tackle. Both are seniors. Bryant Alexander, Ryan Hamilton, Byron Rasch, C.L. Trujillo, Garrett Sherman, Sam Husted, Justin Thompson and Derek Anderson played as sophomores.

3A East

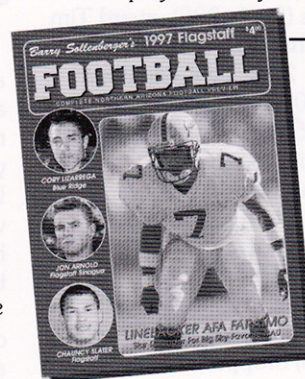
You can't get any closer. For the second straight year, **Arizona Boys Ranch**, located west of Queen Creek, reached the 3A finals. And for the second year in a row the Spartans (10-3) lost to Blue Ridge. But that's no disgrace. Everybody loses to Blue Ridge. The Ranch lost on the last play of the game, 22-20 on a field goal. Coach Richard Gray has since left and the school hired Gary Galante, a former assistant at Scottsdale College and Mesa Mountain View. Galante has a talented group to work with, starting with all-state linebacker Mike Miller (6-2, 215), an outstanding athlete who stars on the track team. One dozen starters return, including defensive backs Eddie Williams (5-11, 175) and Khalid Meals (6-2, 180), miniback Richard Zuniga (5-8, 155), two-way tackle Reginald Miles (6-1, 225) and linebacker Lee Carrier (6-1, 200).

Quarterback Todd Harris (5-10, 160), halfback Daryl Thomas (5-8, 150), receiver Ivan Robinson (5-11, 150), guard Faolima Pule (5-10, 205) and junior tackle Billy Burton (6-3, 245) all started.

Globe made it two rounds into the playoffs, then were nipped by Blue Ridge, 13-6. The Tigers (8-3) return half the roster, including three key runners: Michael Arragon (5-8, 150), Marc Rodriguez (5-8, 160) and "mighty mite" M.C. Olivarez (5-2, 120), the smallest player in the league. Olivarez is just a junior. Another junior, Kevin Winslett (6-2, 260), is one of the league's biggest players. At quarterback, senior Chad Harmon will be challenged by sophomore Mike Bolinger.

"Injuries killed us all year," says veteran Jay Denton at **Santa Cruz**. Not long ago (1990) his Dust Devils were 13-0. They've struggled since, but this squad looks solid. "We'll be better," adds Denton, 92-42-1 at the Eloy school. "We have good speed and quickness. Our interior line is solid."

In quarterback Reggie Neal (5-10, 155) and halfback Trey Alexander (5-7, 160), Denton has two of the best players in the league. Neal, with 4.5 speed, is a two-time all-state defensive back. But he runs the Devils' wishbone, too. Alexander, another 4.5 burner, could be the school's first 1,000-yard back since 1990. Both seniors played varsity ball as freshmen.



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Guard Tremayne Cade (6-0, 225) is the Devils' best blocker. Center Matt Rodriguez (6-0, 175) and junior guard Rich Damron (5-9, 175) are small, but capable blockers. Junior Davey Perales and two sophomores with terrific speed - Damion Wilson and Patrick Thomas - add depth to an already speedy backfield. In fact, there are so many quick skill players on the roster, Denton can put Adrian Leos, Smokey Montijo, Eddie Meza or Rick McCullough in the lineup. Still, a lack of size is a major weakness in Eloy's attack.

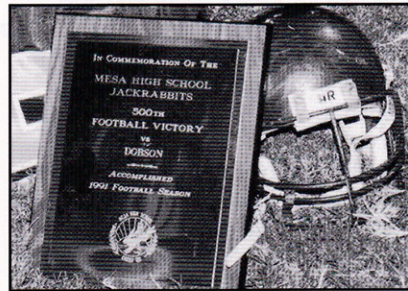
At **Coolidge**, veteran coach Larry Delbridge, himself a former Bear, stepped down after a 6-4 campaign, giving him a 116-78-2 career mark. John Kashner, 48-42-2 at Tucson Flowing Wells, takes over. Earlier at Casa Grande, Kashner was 24-44-2 with the Cougars. Only nine seniors graduated. Three juniors played key roles: all-state tackle Mike Ashford (6-1, 235), halfback Deon White (5-8, 144) and deep back Derek Neal (5-9, 155). Six sophomores played, with end Tim Siquieros (6-1, 205) the biggest. Like rival Eloy, Coolidge has no size.

The cupboard looks bare at **Miami** again. Once a regular playoff contender, the Vandals (1-8) have managed just eight wins in the past four years. Ten underclassmen lettered. Little Ben Madrid (5-8, 160) looks set at quarterback. Center Antonio Canizales (5-11, 205), guard Tim Cano (5-8, 165), halfback Mike Highbaugh (5-10, 200), tight end Jason Johnson (6-0, 210) and wideout Drew Rubalcava (5-8, 150) give Miami a better than average scoring punch. But the defense looks weak.

2A Central

Superior, absent from the playoff picture for one year, was back in the hunt. The Panthers (8-3) dropped a 14-13 heartbreaker to Phoenix Christian in the quarterfinals. Twenty underclassmen tasted playoff fever. Two are big time players: tight end Tony Aguilar (6-4, 270), MVP of the 2A state basketball tournament two years ago, and defensive back Brandon Tomerlin (6-1, 180). Both all-state players play on both sides of the ball. They also play for the Panthers' excellent basketball team. Aguilar doubles as a defensive lineman. Tomerlin, just a junior, intercepted 16 passes and starts at wide receiver. Running back Richard Toner, deep back Will Bribiescas, linebacker Adrain Garcia, quarterback Sergio Ochoa and guard Michael Diaz-Gonzales should start.

ALL-TIME ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VICTORIES



Wins	School	Years
557	.....Mesa.....	1920-96
493	.....Tucson.....	1912-96
461	.....Safford.....	1925-96
423	.....Winslow.....	1915-96
422	.....Phoenix St. Mary's.....	1938-96
403	.....Round Valley.....	1921-96
398	.....Gilbert.....	1923-96
394	.....Douglas.....	1906-96
383	.....Flagstaff.....	1923-96
381	.....Snowflake.....	1929-96
364	.....Tempe.....	1924-96
363	.....Miami.....	1923-96
362	.....Tucson Amphi.....	1939-96
353	.....Phoenix Union.....	1913-81
349	.....Peoria.....	1933-96

Rod Sanders takes over for Jeff Cude at **Kearyn Ray**. The Bearcats (7-6) advanced to the 2A semifinals after winning only five regular season games. Two years ago Cude and the 'Cats were 13-0. In fact, in six seasons at the helm, Cude won 73% of his games. Graduation hit hard, but several key players return, including quarterback Brad Hinton (5-9, 155), linebacker Jimmy Goad (6-3, 185), defensive back J.R. Gonzales (5-8, 170), and linemen Frank Quiroz (6-1, 225) and Aaron Aarmenta (6-0, 180). Tackle Joe Luevano (6-2, 230) is the biggest 'Cat in camp.

A 30-14 season-ending win over Florence couldn't help **Hayden** get into the playoffs. The Lobos finished 5-4 for the third year in a row. Too many underclassmen played key roles. If tailback Reggie Marquez, quarterback Bobby Lorona, tackle Ben Quesada, end Lino Rubal, linebacker Ace Ramos, wideout J.R. Hernandez and tight end Pancho Gonzales come through, Hayden could be in the playoff hunt.

At **Florence** only five seniors played and it showed. The Gophers (3-5) hope

to get back on the winning track with two of the better players in the region, full-back Stephen Neal (6-1, 235) and line-backer Dominic Zorn (6-0, 190), back for one more year. Nine freshmen actually saw varsity action, including two-way tackles Emerson Lopez (5-10, 270) and Alex Figueroa (6-3, 215). Senior Ricky Padilla (6-1, 215) could start at center.

Look for a vast improvement at **Queen Creek**. The Bulldogs (0-8) look light years ahead of where they were this time last year. Two key seniors, line-backer Evan Cluff (5-11, 190) and half-back Joe Fernandez (5-10, 155) have to carry the load. Center Andy Pace (5-11, 190) and tackle Tim Jones (5-9, 235), both juniors, bolster the line. Split end Trevor Penrod (5-10, 165) doubles at split end and safety. "We expect to win some games and be competitive," says Duane Madsen. "Of the eight teams we played, seven went to the playoffs."

Last year, **Tucson Palo Verde Christian** was 11 points away from a perfect season. The Crusaders (5-2-1) outscored eight 1A opponents 228 points to 123, but missed a playoff spot. This year Tom Armour's club plays 11-man competition, so anything can happen. If leadership starts with the senior class, linebacker Sunny Bert (5-11, 200), center Whit Gruell (6-0, 205), tackle Ryan Lasater (6-4, 270) and defensive end Seth Eldeen (6-1, 190) are the key parts. If quarterback Aaron Sloan (5-8, 160), full-back Wes Northrop (5-11, 175) and guard Aaron Baquet (6-1, 200), all juniors, step forward, PVC could be the surprise of the season.

2A West

With a couple of breaks, **Wellton Antelope** could have been in the state semifinals. In the past three years, the Rams have strung together 8-2, 7-3 and 8-3 campaigns. Only seven players return, but two, quarterback Jeremy Burnett (6-0, 180) and linebacker Charles Bloomquist (5-10, 188), are the best in the league. Burnett, a second team all-stater, is a terrific athlete. He completed 57 of 118 passes for 1,116 yards and 12 touchdowns. He sprinted 98-yards for a score during a 31-21 loss to Tempe Valley Christian in the quarterfinals. Bloomquist recorded 80 tackles, six sacks and two fumble recoveries. As a fullback he averaged 6.2 yards per carry. Halfback Phil Riesland (5-10, 170) averaged 5.5. Junior safety Stanley Martin (5-9, 150) picked off two passes. Junior lineman

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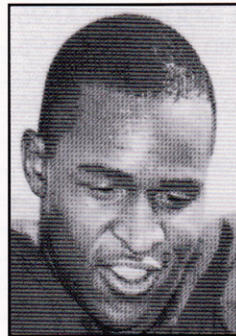
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 1988 Rudy Martinez, Safford (DL)
 1987 Mike Turner, Safford (DE)
 1986 Herman Andrews, Safford (RB)
 1985 Wayne Hatfield, Safford (DB)
 1984 Scott Warner, Safford (T)
 1983 Drago Villialba, Safford (LB)
 1982 John Alva, Thatcher (QB/DB/K)
 1981 John Alva, Thatcher (DB)
 1980 Dean Motes, Thatcher (G)
 1979 David Lee, Pima (E)
 1978 Floyd Nuttal, Safford (T)
 1977 Tee Ward, Ft. Thomas (RB/LB)
 1976 Ralph Gates, Thatcher (RB)
 1975 Matt Barney, Safford (QB/DB)
 1974 Jon Norton, Pima (FB)
 1973 Paul David, Safford (T)
 1972 Danny Smith, Safford (DB)
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 1970 Eddie Scroggins, Safford (E)

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 1968 Ronnie Turner, Safford (TB)
 1967 Herb Scroggins, Safford (B)
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 1965 Rusty Draper, Pima (HB)
 1964 Allen Scroggins, Thatcher (HB) jr.
 1963 Rick Cleland, Safford (E)
 1962 Robert Montoya, Safford (FB)
 1961 Carlos Rodriguez, Duncan (T)
 1960 Danny Bingham, Safford (RB)
 1959 David Wright, Duncan (QB)
 1958 Art Whitmore, Safford (FB)
 1957 Jeff Alder, Pima (E)
 1956 Johnny Alva, Thatcher (HB)
 1955 Norman Yetman, Duncan (HB)
 1954 Steve Craig, Safford (QB)
 1953 Ocie Owens, Safford (RB)
 1952 Gordon Phegley, Thatcher (E) jr.
 1951 Dick Ridgway, Safford (QB)
 1950 Calvert Overson, Thatcher (HB)
 1949 Ladd Mullenau, Thatcher (B)
 1948 Virgil Savage, Safford (C)
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Wins	School	Years	Overall	Winning %
77	Lakeside Blue Ridge	1990-96	77-8-0	(.906)
75	Mesa Mountain View	1990-96	75-15-1	(.833)
74	Mesa	1990-96	74-14-1	(.841)
74	Tucson Sabino	1990-96	74-15-0	(.831)
72	St. Johns	1990-96	72-9-1	(.889)
72	Phoenix St. Mary's	1990-96	72-18-0	(.800)
69	Peoria	1990-96	69-16-1	(.812)
67	Tucson Sahuaro	1990-96	67-17-3	(.797)
64	Scottsdale Horizon	1990-96	64-20-1	(.762)
64	Snowflake	1990-96	64-20-1	(.762)
64	Tucson Amphi	1990-96	64-23-0	(.736)
60	Thatcher	1990-96	60-18-0	(.769)

Steve Evans (6-4, 205) added two sacks. Young Ryan Ferris is a promising wide receiver.

San Pasqual gained a lot of experience, played hard and made the playoffs. Only three seniors graduated. Seton Catholic of Chandler sent the California school home early, 26-14, in a competitive first round game. "If everyone returns, we'll have a good football team," claims veteran coach Don Klostreich. Twenty underclassmen played. The Warriors have a good leader with veteran Antonio Sanzon (6-2, 265) on the line. The skill players reside in the junior class, starting with halfback Jose Espinoza (5-9, 165), who gained 1,088 yards.

Sophomore fullback Duro Johnson (5-11, 210) is a good blocker. Quarterback Terrence Palmer (6-0, 210) passed for 728 yards. Sophomore Carl Emerson (5-10, 200) will challenge him. Speedy receivers Caine Palone (5-9, 165) and Jeff Stalnaker (5-9, 150) combined for 852 yards. Ernie Palmer (6-0, 190), Al Burgoin (5-11, 260) and Angelo Derma (5-9, 160) form a good, young linebacking corps. Junior Mark Johnson (6-4, 270) is the biggest Warrior on the roster.

Gila Bend started fast but finished slow. "We peaked too early," claimed Terry Nodlinski, whose club finished 6-4 after an early playoff exit. Junior Eddie Leon (5-9, 170), an all-region pick, plays running back or wide receiver. Another junior, Dallas Jacobson (6-3, 175), starts at quarterback. Senior Brian Birchfield (5-11, 165) joins them in the backfield. All three star on defense, too. Luis Ochoa (5-10, 190) is the club's center; Ryan

Mendoza (6-0, 170) its tight end. Raul Garcia (6-1, 185) is a two-way tackle.

Young **Maricopa** took its lumps, but should improve, with seven starters back. John Heun (6-1, 220), a two-way tackle, is the Rams' key senior. His younger brother, sophomore K.C. Heun, starts at quarterback and plays in the secondary. Junior Jerry Smith (5-11, 205) plays guard and defensive end. Junior Tim Campbell (5-10, 160) doubles at end and linebacker. Sophomores Mike Wagner and Tommy May, two wide receivers, also roam the secondary. The Rams suffered a blow when young Rick Gardner, a promising two-way back, decided to concentrate on basketball.

2A East

At **Thatcher**, excellent skill people return, but heavy losses on the line and in the coaching staff will be hard to replace. Biggest loss was veteran coach Ed Shamey, who died in February. In 13 seasons, Shamey compiled a 103-38-1 log, and his .730 winning percentage was one of the best. His Eagles (10-2) reached the playoffs again, but were knocked out by Phoenix Christian. The offense scored over 400 points. In senior Cole Bryce (5-9, 175), Thatcher has an excellent two-way back, one of the best in the Gila Valley. Two-way lineman Jeff Bryce (6-3, 225) is another good one. Junior Nathan Estes (6-0, 170) will get the nod at quarterback. Jared Schuh (6-0, 175) and Aaron Malaela (5-10, 170) join Estes and Cole Bryce in the backfield. End Mark Farris (5-11, 180) and linebacker Dustin

Welker (6-3, 180) are good defensive players. Speedy Ethan Estes (6-0, 170, 4.6), just a junior, starts at wide receiver.

"We look to improve on last year's record," says Reynaldo Peru, head coach at **Morenci**. His Wildcats lost 20-14 to Antelope in the playoff's first round, finishing 5-5. "We were too inconsistent," he adds. "We did not reach our potential." Only nine players return, but two, defensive back Jimmy Johnson (5-9, 150) and linebacker Trent Broderick (5-9, 166) are all-region material. Halfback Adam Blair (5-9, 155) and guard Parry Alvarez (5-10, 185) started. Little David Carrasco (5-5, 155) is the center and plays on the defensive line. Jake Bradford (5-11, 155) and Rodrigo Yanez (5-10, 200) are also two-way linemen. Underclassmen Tim Ambrust, Adam Cochran, Trevor Nelson and Derek Smith could start.

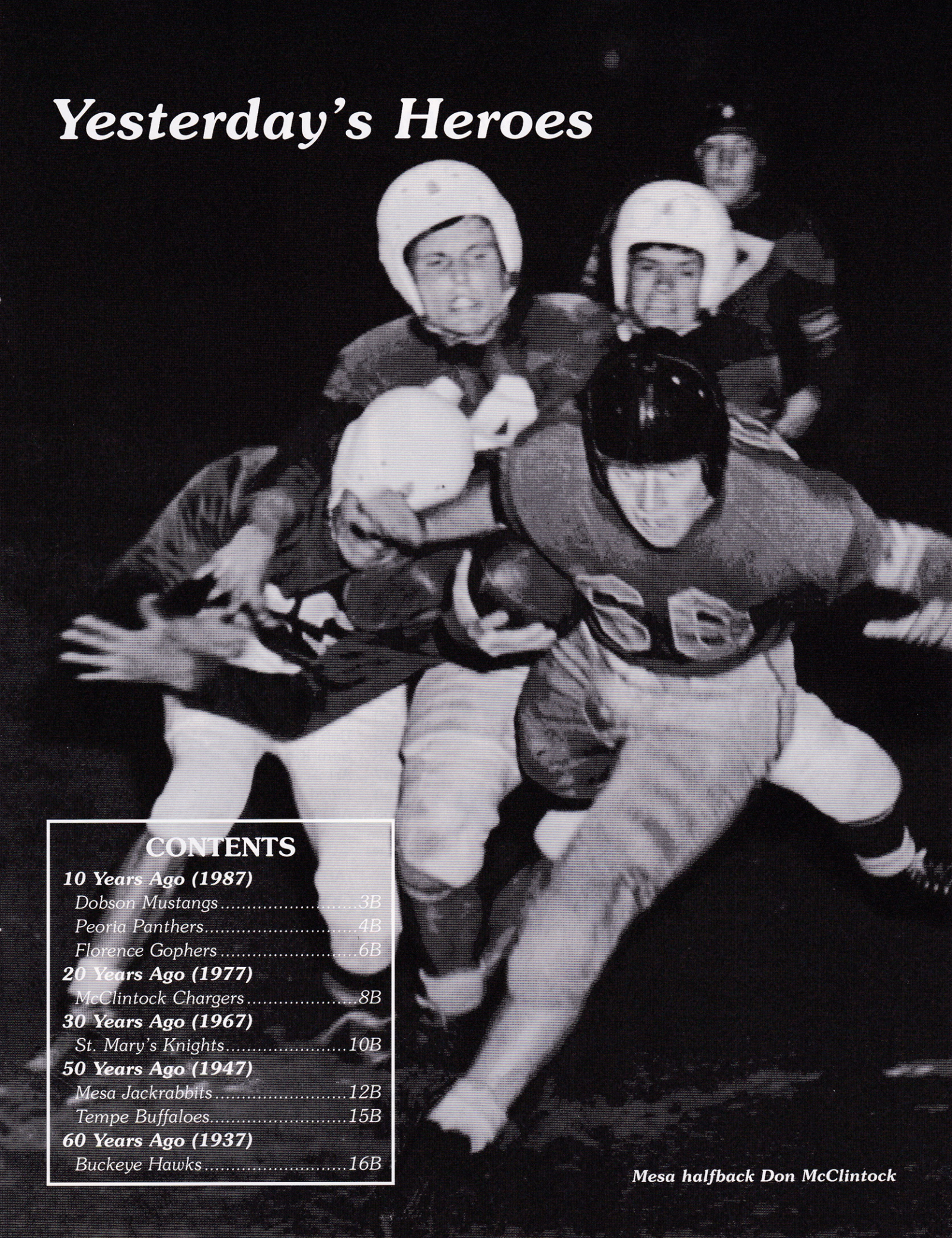
One dozen letter winners return at **Pima**. The Roughriders advanced two rounds into the playoffs and finished 9-3. Junior quarterback Steven Alder (5-10, 170) may be the main man, with Aaron Maxwell (6-2, 202) and Chad Bryce (5-10, 230) leaders on the line. Mike Curtis (6-1, 170) and little Mike Papa (5-6, 130) should be the team's top ground gainers. Brandon Bryce (6-4, 180) is a good two-way end. Kody Bartlett (5-10, 150) starts at wide receiver. Landon Morris, Nathan Smith and Davey Lofgreen add muscle to the front line. Lofgreen is a 6-0, 250-pound junior. Sophomore Jason Bryce is a capable two-way back.

It was a learning experience for young **Willcox**, and the Cowboys finished 2-7. Since the junior varsity was winless, not much help is on the way, so it could be another long season. Still, coach Joe Guinsler and the staff are optimistic. Young players forced into action are now seniors. Three have been around for awhile: linebacker Ryan Anderson (5-9, 185), deep back Travis Byrd (5-8, 160) and wideout Carlos Mendoza (5-10, 170). All three are good two-way players. So is halfback/linebacker Drayson Harris (6-0, 175). Big Matt Mitchell (6-3, 240) and Nathan Hansen (6-0, 240) anchor the line. Little Wes Cash (5-8, 165) will probably start at quarterback.

Duncan appears to gradually get better. The Wildkats went 4-5, up from back-to-back 2-7 finishes. Junior running back Steve Rodriguez (6-1, 185) and guard John Foote (5-11, 166) have been in the program for awhile. Defensive end Breton Lunt (6-3, 170) hopes to be, too. He's

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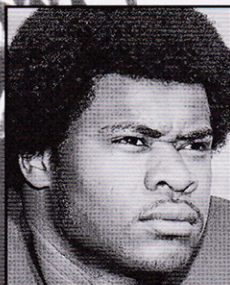
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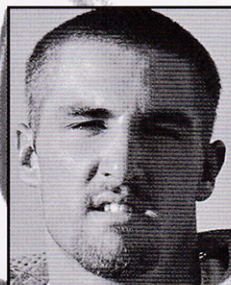
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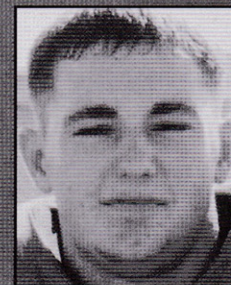
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Dobson's Wild Horses Finish Strong

By **LONNIE COLLINS**

Apparently, it was Dobson's turn. Prior to the 1987 football campaign, every high school in Mesa had won a state championship except Dobson.

But Mike Clark's 51-man crew took care of that in a big way. Before 20,036 fans at Arizona State University, the Mustangs crushed rival Mountain View, and with surprisingly ease.

The score was 35-14.

"This is a great group of guys," said Clark after the win. "There is no most valuable player. I mean, they are all just great guys. Josh Arnold, T.C. Wright, Greg Boland, all of them. Emotionally, I'm 10 feet above the press box. This is the pinnacle of my coaching career."

Tailback Wright led all runners with 97 yards on 12 carries against the Toros. Fullback Boland rushed for 94 yards, and Arnold, a great two-way back who later starred at BYU, gained 81 yards.

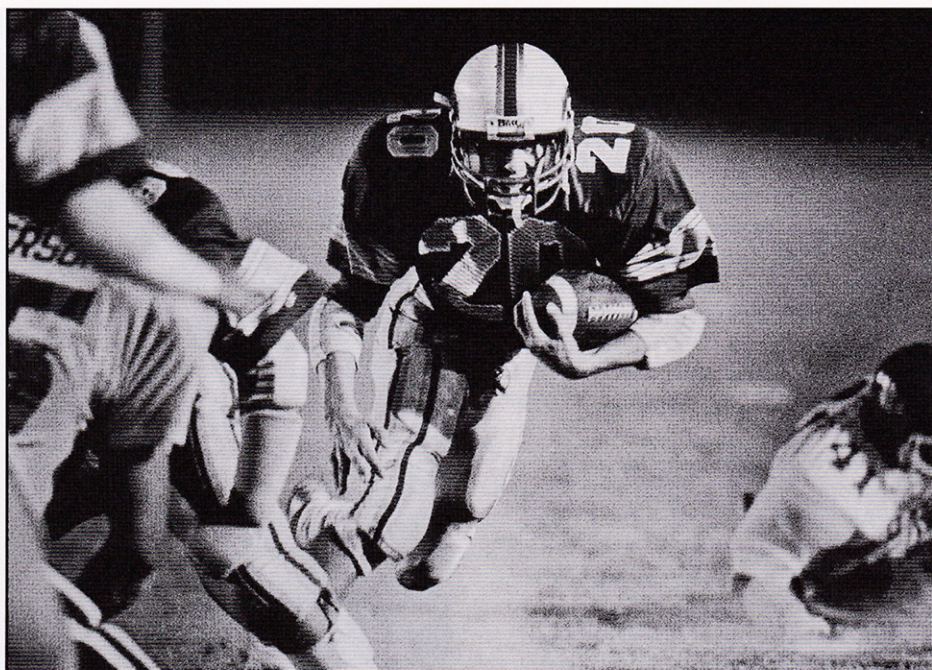
"Our offensive line is the best in the state," added Wright, whose younger brother Toby currently plays for the St. Louis Rams. "They've been doing it all year. They've never let us down."

Only twice, early in the season, did Dobson's backs drop the ball. Turnovers played big roles in two losses, 14-13 to Mountain View, and 26-12 to Mesa. But after that, only Tempe McClintock played the Wild Horses tough, falling 10-8 in October. Kicker Steve Rausch, who would later star at Arizona State, saved the day with a 45-yard field goal.

Then the Mustangs rolled. From November on, Clark's well oiled machine averaged 41.0 points to their opponents' 11.8, starting with a 35-14 rout of Tempe Marcos de Niza.

Wright scored on an 87-yard punt return, then blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone, as Dobson finished the regular season with a 42-10 win over Tempe. Arnold rushed for 127 yards, including a 70-yard score, and Boland struck from 86 yards out.

The 'Horses sounded a warning bell in the playoff's first round - an easy 66-11 rout of Tucson Santa Rita. Rausch kicked a 48-yard field goal midway through the



Josh Arnold, an all-state back, breaks through a large hole in the line against Westwood (Phoenix Gazette photo).

first quarter to get Dobson on the board.

Playoff games were something new to Dobson, but against Santa Rita the Mustangs played like veterans. "We've been getting better," said Clark afterwards. "I feel like we have a great team, but we're going to have to do things better, like throw more, as we go along. But right now I feel real good."

Better than Santa Rita coach Will Kreamer. "We had that touchdown called back early, which really hurt, and after that the wheels fell off. I haven't seen many teams in that league (Central), but I don't see how they can be better than Dobson," he said. "If we had to lose, at least I feel better that we lost to a team I think will be the next state champions."

The playoff victory was the Mustangs' first in the school's short history. It wasn't its last. After a mediocre first-half perfor-

mance, the Dobson ground game kicked into gear and sliced through Moon Valley, 31-10. Rausch's foot was a big weapon, booting four extra points and a 47-yard field goal. Five of his six kickoffs landed in the Rockets' end zone, preventing returns.

Clark's club pounded Brophy in the semifinals, 37-12, before an overflow crowd of 8,000 at Westwood High. Arnold rushed for 146 yards and scored on a 65-yard interception return.

On the west side of town, before 8,000 fans at Glendale Community College, Mountain View's stingy secondary picked St. Mary's clean, intercepting quarterback John Bonds five times, as the Toros stopped the Knights, 21-18. It set up an all-Mesa finals for the first time in Arizona history.

After the season, Dobson reaped the rewards of victory. Between *The Phoenix Gazette* & *The Arizona Republic*, seven Mustangs landed first-team all-state berths. Clark was selected Arizona Coach of the Year. His Mustangs rushed for 4,004 yards and ground out 5,077 yards total offense. Ten years later, this Dobson squad is still one of the most productive in Mesa city history.

"Emotionally, I'm 10 feet above the press box. This is the pinnacle of my coaching career."

Peoria-Cactus Rivalry Biggest, Best

By JEFF KRIDER

The opponent was Cactus High, and a rematch was taking place in the '87 Class 4A finals, played at Arizona State.

Playbacks can be fun. Especially in athletic events. Especially the same year.

Peoria had another shot. Earlier in October, before 8,000-plus fans at Glendale College, Cactus handed the defending state champs its second consecutive loss, 28-14. One week earlier, Peoria fell one point short during a 14-13 loss to talented South Mountain, a larger 5A school.

By this time, the Cactus-Peoria rivalry had become one of the state's biggest and best. Always played at Glendale College and usually on city-wide TV, crowds estimated at 10,000 sometimes showed.

Coaches Doug Clapp at Peoria and Larry Fetkenhier of Cactus had the two hottest football programs on the "west side of town."

On a picture-perfect afternoon in Tempe, Peoria handed Cactus (12-1) its only loss, 28-6, giving the Panthers back-to-back state crowns for the first time ever.

In the 5A clash on the same field, Dobson trampled Mountain View 35-14 in an all-Mesa finals. Western Athletic Conference power BYU gobbled up two of Dobson's stars, halfback Josh Arnold and end Steve Holmes.

But the best and most talented team was probably Peoria, where college recruiters had a field day in February. No less than six Panthers landed college football scholarships: flanker Eric Guliford (Arizona State), end Steve Good (Stanford), linebacker Dusty Weiland (Iowa), guard Scott Peterson (Nebraska), halfback Marvin Johnson (New Mexico State), and deep back Ervin Cutright (Nevada-Reno).

The rematch in the finals was a complete reverse. In October, the Cobras' defense all but shut down Peoria, giving up two short scoring passes from William Babb to Good. But in December, Peoria's defense came to play, along with its explosive offense.

Cactus, which averaged 38 points a game, scored only in the second quarter, after recovering a fumble by Johnson, the state's leading scorer. Three plays later quarterback Kevin Standerfer passed to Jim Robinson for a 7-yard touchdown.



Marvin Johnson, who scored 30 touchdowns, runs for one of four against Sunnyslope, a 41-6 Panther win (Arizona Republic photo).

For Peoria, Babb passed for 217 yards, tossing two scoring strikes to Guliford, one covering 80 yards. Johnson made up for his lost fumble and scored twice on short runs, giving him 30 touchdowns on the season.

But the big play of the game was Babb's 80-yard strike to Guliford early in the game. That set the tone.

"It gave us a big edge," said Guliford, who in spite of his size (5-8, 160) played both college (Arizona State) and pro (Minnesota Vikings/Carolina Panthers) football. "We weren't upset we lost the first game, it was the way we lost. We knew we were capable of beating Cactus. We just had to show everybody we were capable of doing it."

While losing to South and Cactus early, Peoria was going through troubled times. "From a defensive standpoint, we had four starters out, half our defense,"

"Our offense is very similar to theirs. We run a lot of the same plays. But you can't just try to stop one player. They have so many weapons."

Clapp told *The Arizona Republic*.

"Quietly, our defense has built itself back into making us a good team. Defense is what's going to determine this game. We're going to have to keep them off the scoreboard."

In the loss to South, Guliford, who had returned three punts for touchdowns, played sparingly because of an ankle injury. The Panthers were out of step.

"Our offense is very similar to theirs," added Fetkenhier before the finals. "We run a lot of the same plays. But you can't just try to stop one player. They have so many weapons."

Peoria returned most of its big guns from a team which beat Agua Fria in the '86 finals. These two clubs met again in the '87 semis, won 21-16 by Peoria, thanks to a 66-yard return of a fumble by Marvin Cobbs. In the other matchup, Cactus scored two late TDs to topple Prescott, 14-10, setting up a rematch with the Panthers.

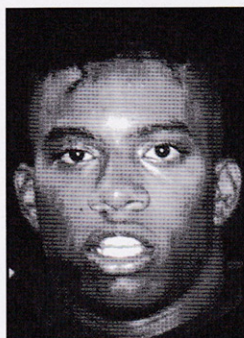
Two years earlier, Cactus had lost to Gilbert in the '85 finals, 27-0. Unfortunately for Cobra faithful, the '87 finals were similar.

An interesting note was the performance of Peoria place kicker Tony Camino, who finished the season making 53 consecutive extra points.

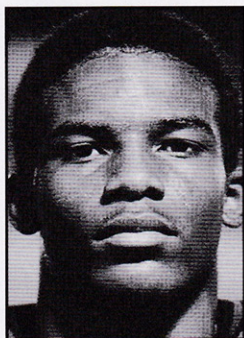
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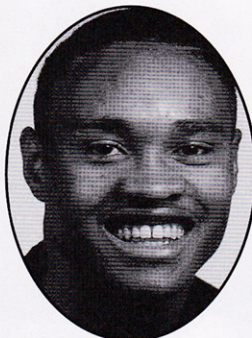
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Florence Grinds Out Perfect Season

By DAN KUKULSKI

Tom Mix and Tony the "Wonder Horse" thrilled movie goers for years. In 1994, longtime Florence residents were on hand to dedicate a roadside memorial to Mix, a star of silent Westerns, and Tony, his popular steed. Mix died in a car crash south of Florence in 1940.

Like many old Arizona towns, Florence has other historical landmarks, like the state prison, which originated in Yuma.

And the local high school.

In this Pinal County town, the popular sport of football originated in 1927, when head coach Vince Killerlain, a former Minnesota resident, guided the school's first squad. It was Killerlain's presence which led to the naming of the school's mascot, the Gophers.

During the Minnesota transplants first two seasons in the profession, the Gophers won only one game, a 7-0 win over Superior, played at the new Florence airport.

But times change. Football interest took off. Sixty years after the school's first game, Florence posted a perfect 13-0 record and knocked out Phoenix Christian in the 1987 Class 2A finals, 35-17. These Gophers were coached by Tom Shoemaker.

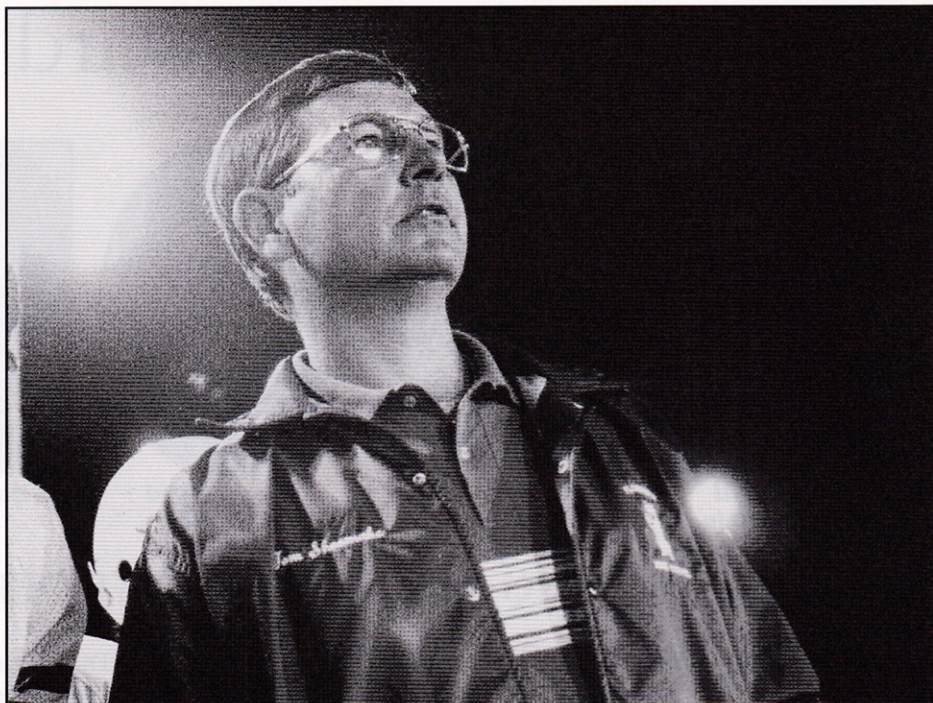
The schools followed the same script two years earlier, when the two Central League powers met in the finals, only to have Christian upset the unbeaten Gophers, 17-7.

"The comparisons are real similar," PC coach Walt Beamis told *The Arizona Republic*. "They were 12-0 in 1985 and everyone thought they would be a shoo-in to win it."

"We're playing pretty good now," said Shoemaker. "I thought we had the possibility of going all the way this year."

Florence had the most potent offense in Class 2A ball, scoring 445 points and grounding out 4,470 yards of real estate. All-state halfback Willie Smith, just a sophomore, rushed for 1,505 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. His biggest day: 250 yards and five TDs during a school record 89-8 slaughter of Seton Catholic High in Chandler.

Following a hard-fought win over Hayden the week before, Florence's Red & White machine hopped back with a passion. "The game, played in Chandler, pitted a spaced-out Gopher crew against



Shoemaker, who coached for 11 seasons in two different stints, won three state championships (Florence Blade-Tribune).

a smaller but spirited Seton team," wrote Jac Polsgrove of the *Florence Reminder*. "Florence's size and experience, not the team's attention to on-field action, saved the game for the Gophers."

Florence's lack of attention was best illustrated when senior Frenchie Taylor picked up a Seton fumble and proceeded to dash 76 yards downfield - into the wrong end zone. He then ran 42 yards back toward Seton's goal once he realized his mistake, but officials had already decided to grant the Sentinels a safety.

The Gophers had taken a 21-0 lead before "Wrong Way" Taylor did his 118-yard tour of the field. Paradoxically, Taylor had put Seton points on the scoreboard for the first time this season.

Shoemaker, who would coach two different stints at FHS, knew he had a championship-caliber club after four impressive wins in September: 41-0 over

Coolidge, a larger 3A school, 22-0 over Eloy Santa Cruz, 44-7 over outmanned Ajo, and the hard-fought win over Hayden.

Running and throwing, Joey Mariscal, who would pass for 1,107 yards on the season, accounted for four touchdowns against Coolidge.

Smith's 86-yard kickoff return got the train on track against Eloy, and the Gophers' stingy defense picked off three passes on way to the rout of Ajo. Mariscal's short field goal sealed Hayden's fate. Then came the Seton debacle.

During a 55-0 rout of Queen Creek, the Gophers scored 42 points in the first half. The secondary intercepted a school record six passes, three by Lance Gardner.

This set the stage for the first meeting with Phoenix Christian, a 15-7 Gopher triumph with Smith scoring twice. During a 35-0 win over Superior, the Gophers secondary, led by sophomore Billy Burris, stole five enemy aials.

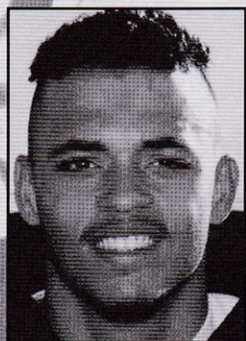
In the rematch with PC, young Smith, who would drop out of school before his junior year, rushed for 223 yards on 29 carries. He scored on an 87-yard run as Florence ground out 424 yards.

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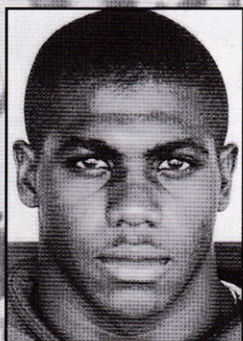
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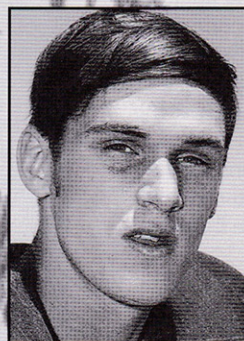
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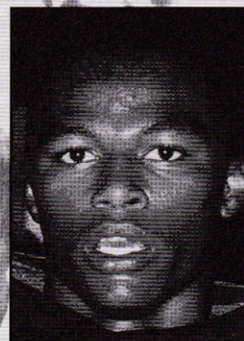
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1987.....Kevin Galbreath, Phoenix Maryvale
1986.....Reggie McGill, Phoenix St. Mary's
1985.....Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock
1984.....David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)
1983.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View
1982.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria
1981.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff
1980.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside
1979.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)
1978.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz
1977.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge
1976.....Willard Reeves, Flagstaff Coconino
1975.....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974.....David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's (jr)
1973.....Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1972.....Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon
1971.....Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970.....Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969.....Benny Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz
1968.....Joe Petrosush, Tucson

1967.....Tim Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's
1966.....Bob Soza, Mesa Westwood
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1964.....LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963.....James Dugan, Flagstaff
1962.....Everett "Moose" Rollins, Scottsdale Arcadia
1961.....Andy Livingston, Mesa
1960.....Jim Sims, Tucson
1959.....Bob Olson, South Mountain
1958.....Lewis Albright, Scottsdale
1957.....Clay Freney, Globe
1956.....Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union
1954.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union (jr)
1953.....Kenny Aycock, North Phoenix
1952.....Joel Favara, Tucson
1951.....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950.....Don Beasley, Mesa
1949.....Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's
1948.....Gib Dawson, Douglas
1947.....Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande
1946.....Whizzer White, Mesa

WHIZZER WHITE, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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McClintock Finally Reaches The Top

By LONNIE COLLINS

Tempe McClintock head coach Karl Kiefer had it all figured out. "We're going to try to dominate them on the line," he told *The Arizona Republic*, moments before his teams' clash with Phoenix Washington in the 1977 large school finals. "The greatest defense against the pass is a good rush."

"We'll blitz them. We'll stunt. As far as I'm concerned, it's stupidity to sit back and wait for them to pass. We'll be very aggressive."

The main object of attention was Washington's heralded passer, quarterback Mike Pagel, the soon-to-be player of the year who would later play at Arizona State, and start for the NFL Baltimore Colts as a rookie.

It was the Chargers' line play which led to a hard-fought 14-9 triumph, played before 14,900 at Arizona State. Both teams were making their first appearance in the finals. Washington finished 12-2. McClintock finished 14-0, after nearly one decade of exceptional play and near-misses in the playoffs.

"We've been knocking on the door for a long time," said Kiefer afterwards. "We've had some good teams before, but we always seemed to lose the big games. I hope we've finally put that behind us."

"They really put on a pass rush," said Pagel, who finished with 1,750 yards on the season. "They were getting a good rush, and when I did get away, I couldn't find anyone to throw to."

Pagel landed co-player of the year honors with Tucson Amphi linebacker Ricki Gray, later a star with the Oakland Raiders and San Francisco 49ers. But McClintock had a good field general of its own, junior Rick Neuheisel, who would later win MVP honors at the Rose Bowl, playing for UCLA.

The Chargers' game winning drive was sparked by a third-down pass from Neuheisel to tight end Doug Garrett, covering 26 yards and giving McClintock a first-down-and-goal at the Rams' 10 yard line. Two plays later, fullback Todd Greer smashed over for the winning score. On the night, Greer gained 131 yards on 23 carries.

Washington took a fourth quarter lead after Dave Wood's 40-yard field goal. Earlier, Pagel hit John Ross with a 22-yard scoring strike.

"We've played teams with big lines



McClintock defenders, including Todd Greer (40) and Curtis McGahn (76), swarm Washington fullback Dave McKee (44).

before," said Washington head coach Dave Swerdfefer afterwards. "But not one with players as big and quick as they were. They're a great team. To come back the way they did proved they're champions."

Kiefer's Chargers finished 9-1 in 1976, 10-1 in 1975, and 8-2 in 1974. His 1969 club, led by All-American linebacker Bill Crowe (University of Texas), advanced to the large school semis, only to lose to Phoenix St. Mary's. But the most disheartening loss came in the '75 playoff opener, a 15-14 loss to Scottsdale Saguaro. That Charger club, led by all-state quarterback David Given and All-America wide receiver Ronnie

Washington, was considered the school's best ever, and entered the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the state.

But in 1977, the playoff chips fell into place, starting with a brutal 10-7 battle with surprisingly tough Casa Grande. In that contest, McClintock lost running back/linebacker David Hinds for the rest of the season.

One week later, before an overflow crowd of 8,000 at Glendale College, the Chargers faced unbeaten St. Mary's. McClintock rallied for a 24-7 win after the Knight's Joe Allen returned a kickoff 96-yards for a score. Before Allen's sprint, Tony McClure got the Chargers on the board with a 28-yard field goal. From then on the winners controlled the line of scrimmage.

The semifinals pitted McClintock against Phoenix Maryvale, and Washington against Tucson Amphi; a double-header clash at Sun Devil Stadium. Both were hard-tough affairs, with McClintock prevailing 7-0 on a solo touchdown jaunt by Todd Greer.

Post-season honors rolled in for the Chargers, with end Kris Kentera, tackle Curtis McGahn, guard Steve Houston, linebacker Ron Thomas, deep back Mark Massey and Hinds landing first team all-state honors.

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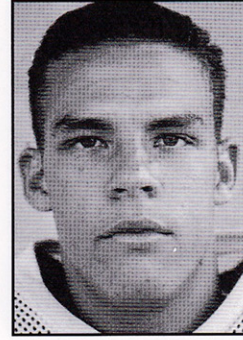
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1992..... Marcus Williams, Tempe McClintock (PK)
1991..... (TIE) Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro (PK)
..... Dominic DeMark, Prescott (P)
1990..... Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino (PK)
1989..... Terry Belden, Glendale (P)
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1987..... Steve Rausch, Mesa Dobson (PK)
1986..... Quin Rodriguez, Mesa Dobson (PK)
1985..... Mike Cortright, Phoenix St. Mary's (PK)
1984..... (TIE) Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View (P)
..... Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian (PK)
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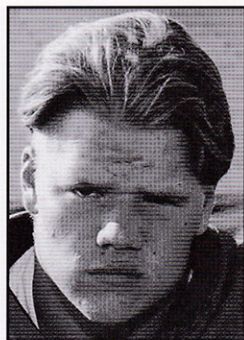
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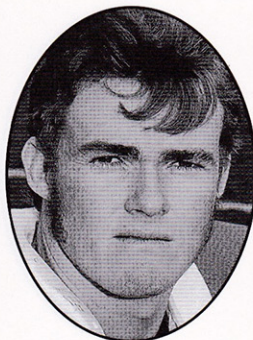
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 1993 Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuarro (DL)
 1992 John Tait, Tempe McClintock (OT)
 1991 Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
 1990 Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)
 1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuarro (OT)
 1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
 1987 Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
 1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
 1985 Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (OT)
 1984 Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
 1983 Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
 1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
 1981 Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
 1980 Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
 1979 Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
 1978 Doug Kellermeier, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
 1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
 1976 Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
 1975 Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
 1974 Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
 1973 Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
 1972 Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
 1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
 1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
 1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)

1968 Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
 1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
 1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
 1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
 1964 Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
 1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
 1962 (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
 Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
 1961 Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
 1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
 1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
 1958 Stacey Ostland, South Mountain (C)
 1957 Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
 1956 John Vucichevich, Miami (C)
 1955 Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
 1954 Al Carr, Phoenix Union (G)
 1953 Dick Nordmeyer, Tucson (DT)
 1952 Guy Barrickman, Tucson (T)
 1951 Robert Green, Phoenix Carver (T) jr.
 1950 Glenn Bowers, Mesa (G)
 1949 Phil Russell, Phoenix St. Mary's (T)
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BRIAN MURRAY, a 1972 Salpointe H.S. grad, was a three-year starter at Arizona, and projected as a high NFL draft pick, but was killed in a fall at Redington Pass, between the Catalina and Rincon mountains, in 1977.

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St. Mary's King of Football

By **JEFF KRIDER**

The scoreboard told it all: St. Mary's 34, Tucson Pueblo 22. The little Catholic school, located in downtown Phoenix, had done it. For the first time since 1949, the Knights were King of Football in the Grand Canyon State.

Looking on at the University of Arizona, and unbelieving crowd of 13,000 watched Ed Doherty's small, feisty club manhandle bigger Pueblo and make a clean sweep of the state.

St. Mary's jumped to a 21-9 first quarter lead and never looked back. All-state fullback Tim Smith, whose jersey number (40) was retired after the game, was the night's leading rusher, blasting his way for 139 yards on 29 carries. Junior quarterback Bill Mannion hit end Greg Anderson four times for 132 yards and a key first half TD.

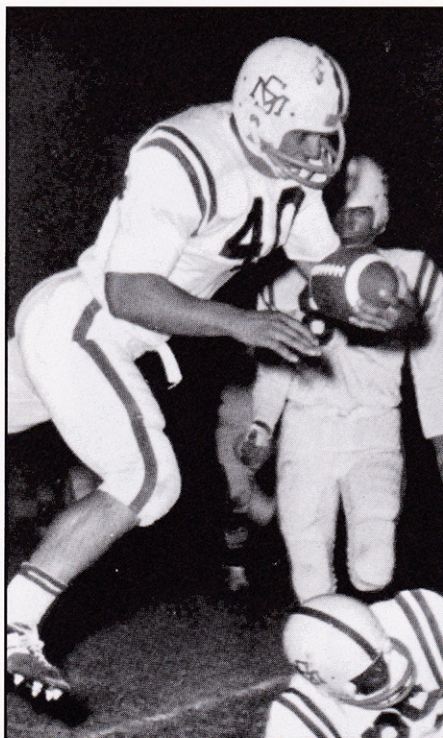
It cooled down in the second half. St. Mary's struck to ball control with the running game. Mannion threw no passes. Pueblo quarterback Frank Fernandez hit 10 of 24 for 234 yards and two scores, but it wasn't enough. The score stood at 34-15 at the half. St. Mary's had arrived as a true football power.

"This is impossible, it's got to be," said Smith, who finished with a school record 1,720 yards and 25 touchdowns on the season. "Just two years ago we were only a little school down the street. Now we're state champs!"

St. Mary's took advantage of an ankle injury to Pueblo's key defensive player, halfback Rudy Quihuis, who had intercepted a state record 18 passes during the season. He was ineffective.

When Pueblo started a comeback, senior Joe Vales, a 175-pound tackle, halted a Warriors drive with an interception. Then Smith recovered a Pueblo fumble on a St. Mary's punt. "Pueblo was the best offensive team we played all year," added Jim Ewen, at 145-pounds one of the smallest players on the Knights' 30-man roster.

"We couldn't match them in size or speed, but we sure matched them in guts," said Doherty after the game. "Our guys are small and slow, but great."



Smith rushed for a school record 1,720 yards and scored 25 TDs.

The Knights' defense provided the margin of victory. Recovered fumbles, interceptions, clutch tackles. It all fell into place.

But the seed was planted two years earlier, when the school hired Doherty, a former head coach at both Arizona and Arizona State. It paid off quick, as the Knights won the Skyline Division crown in 1966 and advanced to the state semifinals.

But that campaign ended with a thud, a devastating 34-0 loss to nationally ranked Tucson High. The difference that night was speed and bruising line play, headed by the bone-crushing blocks and

tackles by Tucson's trenchmen.

"I've had some long nights in this stadium, and this was one of them," said Doherty. "Tucson High is by far the best football team we've played. They're incomparable. They're just great."

But one year later it was different. St. Mary's provided the hurt. Throughout the '67 campaign, the Knights seldom faced anyone their own size or speed, but they didn't meet anyone who could match them in desire or determination.

They sounded a warning bell early, a 12-0 victory over Tucson Salpointe. Flanker Greg Anderson was a standout, intercepting three passes and making key tackles to keep Salpointe contained.

Led by the 210-pound Smith, St. Mary's then rolled through Glendale, 20-7. They scored in every period and routed Paradise Valley, 48-0. Smith gained 208 yards as the Knights won their third shutout in four games, a 26-0 win over Phoenix Union.

After St. Mary's speared Washington 19-6, half the regular season was over and the Knights were still undefeated, and ranked No. 2 in the state. Smith, who carried the ball 28 times, and little Joe Fierros were the workhorses.

St. Mary's then clobbered Sunnyslope, 28-7. Moon Valley succumbed 25-7, setting up a key match with rival Brophy Prep. Anderson hauled in touchdown passes covering 10 and 66 yards and the Knights prevailed, 34-12.

During a 41-7 rout of Prescott, Smith toted the ball 30 times for 201 yards as the Knights rolled. The Badgers' chances for a playoff spot disappeared in the dust. One week later Doherty's club wrapped up the league crown with tough 14-0 victory over Cortez. Smith gained 192 of St. Mary's 227 yards rushing and scored both touchdowns.

Before 8,000 fans at Glendale College, Washington fell 28-12, stung by two tackle eligible plays. Both worked for touchdowns. One week later St. Mary's posted a tight 20-14 win over Camelback in the state semifinals, before 11,568 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, setting the stage for a matchup with Lou Farber's Pueblo Warriors.

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Mesa's Repeat a Surprise

By SKIP BRYANT

It truly was the lazy days of summer in the Valley of the Sun in 1947. But when Labor Day weekend rolled around, dramatic changes took place - summer vacations ended, schools started again and the long awaited first day of football practice arrived.

As the Mesa High football team assembled, fresh from a state championship campaign in 1946, coaches, players and fans had every reason to envision another big season.

Mesa had long since arrived as a consistent force. Across the 1930s, the Jackrabbits averaged over eight wins per season, and now, well into the 1940s, they were still winning at least eight games a year. In fact, Mesa was coming off three straight nine-win seasons, with schedules that included Texas schools.

The winning tradition, established by coach Steve Coutchie over an 18 year stint, was in the capable hands of a rising Arizona prep coaching star, Edgar "Mutt" Ford.

Only big city schools Phoenix Union and Tucson had ever repeated. Ironically, as good as Mesa had been between 1930 and 1946, it had just two state titles to show for it.

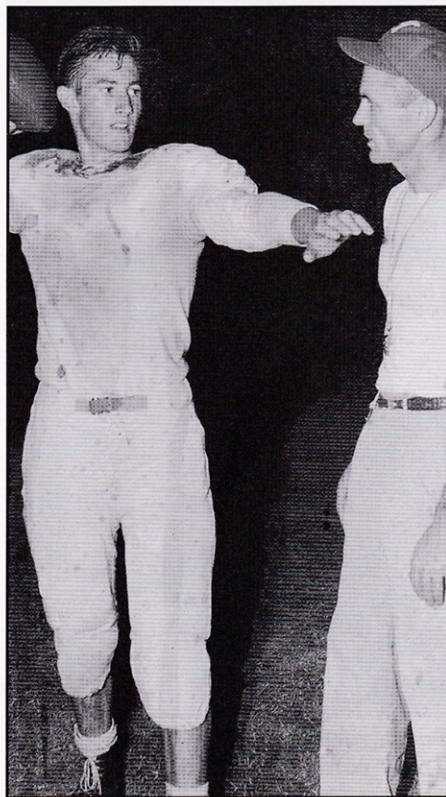
Also helping to keep repeat talk subdued was the obvious: Two-time all-state tailback Wilford "Whizzer" White was now a freshman at Arizona State. "When Wilford graduated we lost our backfield," recalled Bill Workman, an all-state center in '46, and destined to repeat in '47.

"I spent a lot of time handing off to Whizzer," added three year starting quarterback Dan Russell, who also would make the '47 all-state team. "He was quite a player, a great athlete. After Whizzer left, everyone thought we'd have nothing left."

Russell was the only starter returning in the backfield. On the line, only Workman and right tackle Gene Johnston returned as starters.

As it turned out, Ford had all the right answers. It didn't take long for preseason question marks to turn into exclamation points.

Charging out of the gate, the 'Rabbits rolled through their first four games. Safford was crushed, 39-12, as Mesa rushed for 408 yards. North High fell, 26-13; Mesa stopped El Paso Bowie 14-



Quarterback Dan Russell and head coach "Mutt" Ford.

0, and St. Mary's was edged 12-6.

Ford had retooled the offensive line with new faces around Workman and Johnston, the most prominent being tackle/kicker Gary Feezor. Ford went to the air more frequently. Russell and '47 all-state end Bill Glazier became one of the best pitch-catch teams in Mesa history.

"I thought he'd (Glazier) be too small, but he started to put on some size that year," Russell said about his all-state battery mate. "He had the ability to catch them where I threw them. He could reach around and make those fabulous catches. He was quite an athlete."

Russell would throw 15 touchdown passes, and Glazier was on the receiving end of 10, including two in the fourth quarter when Mesa rallied to beat St. Mary's. Dick Stowe started at tailback, but a junior, Don McClintock, came on to take over the spot, scoring nine touchdowns.

"We called him (McClintock) "Ducky" because of the way he waddled around and through teams for yards," Workman said. "He was more of a power runner

than Wilford."

Four straight wins set the stage for the lone '47 meeting with arch-rival Tucson. It was Mesa that ended the Badgers' run of four straight state titles in 1946, and for 46 minutes it looked like it had the Badgers' number again.

"We were leading late in the game and they sent in John Carroll at quarterback," Russell remembers. "In substituting they set up a sleeper play and completed it for a touchdown."

So the 'Rabbits left Tucson with a 7-7 tie. It would be the only blemish on a near-perfect 10-0-1 record. But three close calls remained. After Glendale was smoked 39-7, Mesa was able to salvage back-to-back one point victories.

A tough Yuma squad was nipped 14-13, with Feezor's two extra points deciding the hard fought contest. A week later McClintock and Stowe each rushed for a score, Russell and Glazier teamed on another and Feezor added two extra points as El Paso High was edged, 20-19.

Two easy victories, 26-6 over Phoenix Union and 26-7 over Bisbee, set the stage for the seasonal finale against Tucson Amphitheater. A win would give Mesa its first unbeaten season in the school's history.

What was expected to be a rout ended up a cliffhanger, with the 'Rabbits finally prevailing, 20-14.

"We had no outstanding players but we worked together as a unit," said Workman. "Ford made it all work and we had the championship season of 1946 to build on. There was no playoffs then but we were champions because we played and beat the other schools that were in contention."

Adds Russell, "I think we surprised a lot of people. I know (our season) surprised me. It was a case of playing well together as a team."

The Jackrabbits' 1946-47 titles remain landmark achievements. Fifty years later none of the Mesa schools (four have joined Mesa along the way) have been able to put together back-to-back state championships, failing 14 times.

Perhaps fittingly, opportunity number 15 presents itself this fall, 50 autumns later. Entering the 1997 campaign, Mountain View, with Workman's grandson Tate Gunning returning at quarterback, is heavily favored to repeat its 1996 Class 5A title.



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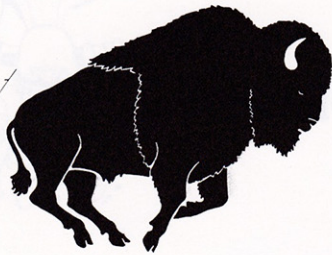
Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford's near-perfect 10-0-1 squad defeated two Texas schools, and Yuma 14-13 for the 1947 state championship.

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Tempe Wins on "Jim Sparks Night."



Buffaloes' Pete Ruiz (44), Carl Miller (36), Jim McRoy (30) and Billy Barnes (43) chase down a Coolidge ball carrier.

On Nov. 29, 1947, at historic Goodwin Stadium, on the campus of Arizona State College, Tempe High's Buffaloes made it nine straight victories, walloping the Coolidge Bears, 25-6.

The season was a far cry from the 4-7 finish at nearby Arizona State.

Close to 3,000 fans witnessed the game, plus the half-time ceremonies, which honored Jim Sparks ("Jim Sparks Night"), who died earlier from injuries suffered in football practice.

With the win came the mythical Class B state title. The most successful Buff season in history had been postponed from October 3, the date of Sparks' death. Proceeds went to his family.

The game was played with the American flag at half-mast. During half-time, the Buffalo marching band formed "Jim" on the playing field, and tackle Bobby Fram sang the hit song "My Buddy."

After the game, players hauled their coaches off the field. Two carried head coach Hascall Henshaw, but it took six players to take care of hefty Bill Boyle, the line coach.

Like the previous eight games, Tempe rolled up a three touchdown lead before

the opposition crossed midfield. Henry Hammer cut loose with a spectacular 48-yard jaunt for the first Buff TD. Bobby Wood scored on a short run, then Ben Elkins hit junior Roy Coppinger for a score. Coppinger, later a basketball and baseball star at Arizona State, later tallied the final TD.

Henshaw, who won 70% of his games at Tempe, offered a simple answer for all the success: "They win because they're happy. These kids sing and laugh before every game. You never saw such morale. It's real team play that has brought us along."

The cheerful one-time all-conference halfback at Arizona State, and a former schoolboy star in Tombstone, hesitated to rate one of his players above another. "This is a team," he said. "No individual stars."

But the general opinion is that the Buffs' star end, Coppinger, is as good as any found in the high school ranks. Quarterback Elkins is the big brain of a smart, little ball club, which averaged 158-pounds across the line.

Henshaw, who died in 1996, rated all his lightweight ball carriers, especially 160-pound fullback Bob Wood, as equally

valuable. Every other back weighed less than 150 pounds, just like Henshaw himself, a 139-pound college back. When he and Boyle played at Arizona State, the school's mascot was a "Bulldog." These two played like it.

As a scatback on Dixie Howell's two Sun Bowl teams, Henshaw ran the Border Conference ragged. He performed such feats as dropping a kickoff, picking it up on the bounce and scoring. He once scored on a 94-yard run from scrimmage in the Sun Bowl.

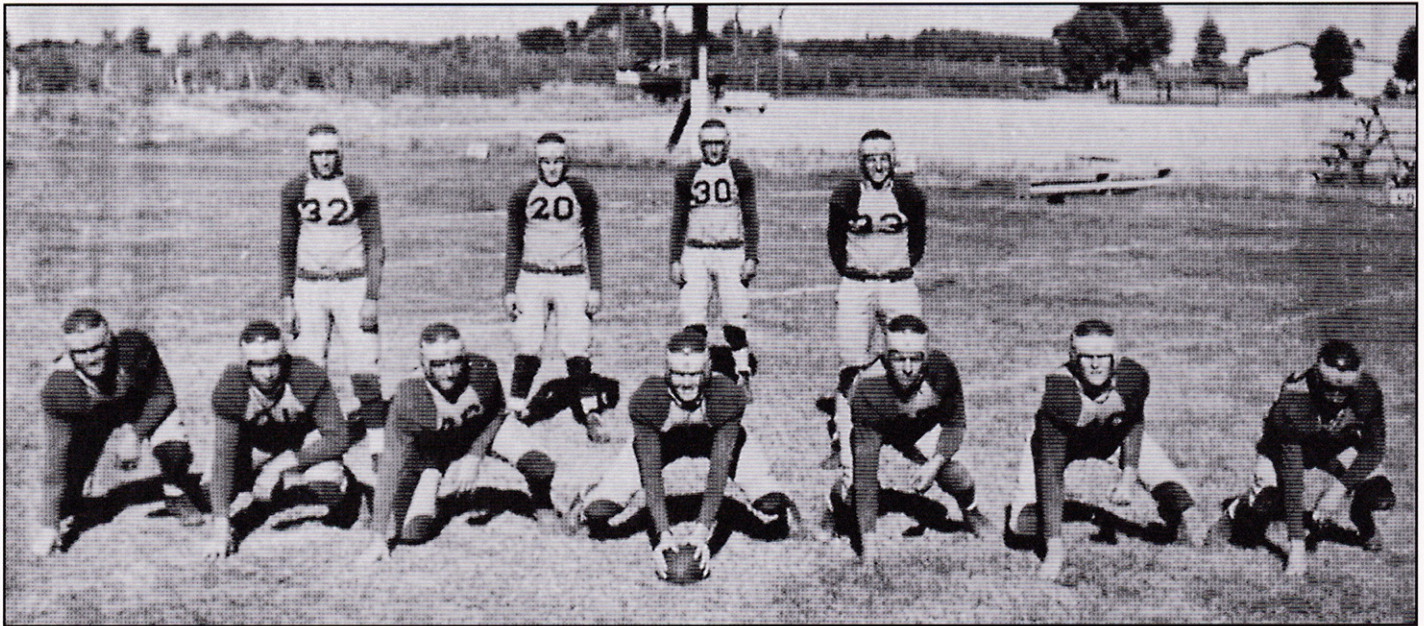
In 1947, three different Arizona newspapers selected all-state squads. Fram, Coppinger, Elkins and center Alonzo Holmes were mentioned.

Two Class B coaches, Henshaw and Tucson Amphitheater's Murl McCain, were voted outstanding prep mentors by fellow coaches. The 30-year old Henshaw refused to take all the credit for his success.

He gave most of the credit to Boyle, his assistant. The Buffs employed a T-formation and were stronger in the second half than the first. Defensively, only one school, Chandler, scored more than one TD against them. The Buffs beat the Wolves 26-13.

60 years ago (1937)

Buckeye's Backs Just Too Much



L-R, Buckeye linemen John Parker, Robert Weskamp, Bill Johnson, John Butler, Keith Rice, Tom Cantrell and Elmer Shepard blocked for backs Murray Johnson, Tommy Jones, Dan Rogers and Walter Wade.

Buckeye, founded in 1888 and located 30 minutes west of Phoenix, has withstood floods, droughts and economic changes. Still, this small Arizona settlement managed to transform the hot desert land into a green and productive valley.

The town was incorporated in 1929, and included 440 acres. That same year the local high school, the Buckeye Union Wildcats, laced up their football shoes and hit the gridiron running.

Three months later Chester Vaughn's once beaten squad was the toast of Arizona's Class B ranks, thanks to a 25-7 post season win over Phoenix Brophy Prep. Only Phoenix Union, a Class A school with an enrollment exceeding 3,000 students, managed to beat the Wildcats. Fullback Lewis Burke landed votes on *The Arizona Republican* all-state squad.

Soon, football became so popular in Buckeye that new bleaches were added to handle the increasing crowds. Year after year, Buckeye was a contender for the "Little 7" crown, a league which featured the Hawks, Casa Grande, Glendale, Tempe, Chandler, Peoria and Gilbert.

By 1937, first year coach Chet Fuller had a real juggernaut on his hands, and a school with a new mascot. Fans of the state's largest college, the University of Arizona, objected to another state school

using the Wildcat mascot. Thus Buckeye became the "Hawks."

With captain Tommy Jones, the Hawks' slick quarterback, and a supporting cast including flashy junior halfback Dan Rodgers, Fuller's squad knifed its way through nine opponents, undefeated and almost untested. They pitched six shutouts.

In the season opener, a 38-7 rout of Casa Grande, the Hawks' backfield rolled for 425 rushing yards. Rodgers scored on sprints from 85 and 55 yards out. Quarterback Jones scored three times and hit end Walter Wade for another. Rogers scored every touchdown during a 27-0 shutout of Coolidge, and all but one during a 20-0 pasting of Peoria. He showed his versatility during a 26-7 win over the Phoenix Indians, sending a 62-yard quick kick dead at the two.

The finale against Glendale was a classic defensive struggle, with the Hawks prevailing, 14-0. Rodgers set the tone

with a 70-yard punt return for a score, then sealed the Cardinals' fate with a short run to the end zone. Wade tacked on two extra points.

End John Parker, tackle Robert Weskamp and Rodgers earned all-state acclaim. Jones and guard Bill Johnson were honorable mention picks.

After the season, Rodgers, Jones, Parker, Johnson and Weskamp were selected to the first Arizona all-star prep squad to represent the state in inter-sectional competition. Against the Chicago All-Stars, in the first Valley of the Sun Classic, the visitors from the Windy City edged Arizona 9-6 on a last minute field goal.

One year later, Rodgers finished his career as the most productive rusher and scorer in Buckeye's short history. To this day Rodgers, along with future all-state backs Ronnie Rainey, Gloyes Lemons, Jerry Bridgeman and Gerald Brown, are considered the school's all-time best players.

"My years in Buckeye taught me many things, and certainly helped me keep both feet on the ground," said Rodgers recently from his home in Fresno. "It's such a great honor to be thought of and remembered, because I played with so many great players. Especially the entire team of 1937. Every member of that team deserves recognition."

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just a sophomore. But he lettered. So did two other sophs, halfback Albert Montoya and tackle Jacob Robbins, at 230-pounds the biggest 'Kat in the program.

In Elfrida, **Valley Union** lost its last 8-man game, falling to Mogollon High in the 1A state playoffs. They move up a class for the first time since 1976. Over 50% of the roster returns, so this might be a good year for a switch. Receiver Matt Schlabach (5-8, 150) and defensive end/fullback Sean Burden (6-1, 219) will be asked to carry the mail. Junior Lee Patterson (6-1, 204) will probably start at center. Seth Warn, Justin Springer or Brandon Ballard will probably start at quarterback.

At **Tombstone**, Steve Reeder's Yellowjackets have compiled a 1-8 record four of the last five years. Still weak along the line, the 'Jackets hope to be more competitive with a better group of skill players. Multa-talented Mike Goodnough (5-8, 160) is fearless. He can play receiver, linebacker or kick returner. Senior Adrian Villa (5-10, 175) gets the nod at quarterback. With 4.6 speed, junior Mike Martin (5-8, 160) is the fastest starter on the team. Senior Charlie Barrios (5-10, 200) and junior James Ball (5-10, 190) are capable linemen.

1A South (8-Man)

Most coaches pick **St. David** to repeat in the 1A South race. The Tigers (7-3) averaged 41.7 points while winning the flag, advanced to the state playoffs, then fell to state champ Northwest Community Christian in the semis. Only three seniors played, so it's an easy pick. Over 20 players return, including halfback Hyrum Cotrell (5-8, 165), linebacker A.J. Jacquez (6-2, 177) and quarterback Greg Mortensen (5-11, 165), three key players in the Tigers' attack. Mortensen is just a junior. Guard Mike Babb (5-11, 250) and center Juan Rocha (5-11, 200) help anchor the line.

Ft. Thomas won two of their last three games, starting two freshmen and three sophomores. "We got better as the season went along," says Wil Hinton. Still, the Apaches gave up almost as many points (222) as they scored (232). Tailback Danny McEuen (6-0, 180) could be the big gun. He's just a sophomore. Quarterback Johnny Juan (5-11, 160), two-way end Elliot Talgo (6-1, 180) and halfback Maurice Goseyun (5-10, 155) are varsity tested veterans. All three are seniors, and along with Sean Anderson, Justin Woodside, Terrell Lang, Barry

Oliver, Jeremy Claridge, Willie Preston and Richie Gann give "The Fort" a solid senior class for the first time in several years.

At **Clifton**, Ron Aguillo's club matched Ft. Thomas' overall record (2-5), but was winless in league play. With 18 lettermen back, the Trojans should be better. Only three seniors played. Two all-state linebackers return, so the defense looks solid. Sam Roybal (5-10, 170) and Joe Sanchez (5-9, 149) are quick, physical players, in spite of their size. Orlando Mesa (5-9, 150) is one of the better receivers in the 1A South. Jacob Lara (5-10, 180) is the Trojans' center. Brian Roybal, Jeremy Rains and David Licano are good defensive players. "Inexperience hurt us," says the head coach. "This year we'll be better prepared."

Patagonia lost every game and its coach, Jim Kuhn, so any win will be a welcome sight. Youth and inexperience led to a winless (0-8) season. Last year's club gave up more than 300 points, so plugging up holes in the defense is a priority. The team will build around the junior class, with linebacker Melvin Nord and two-way lineman Mark Murrietta the Lobos' big guns. Both played varsity ball as freshmen.

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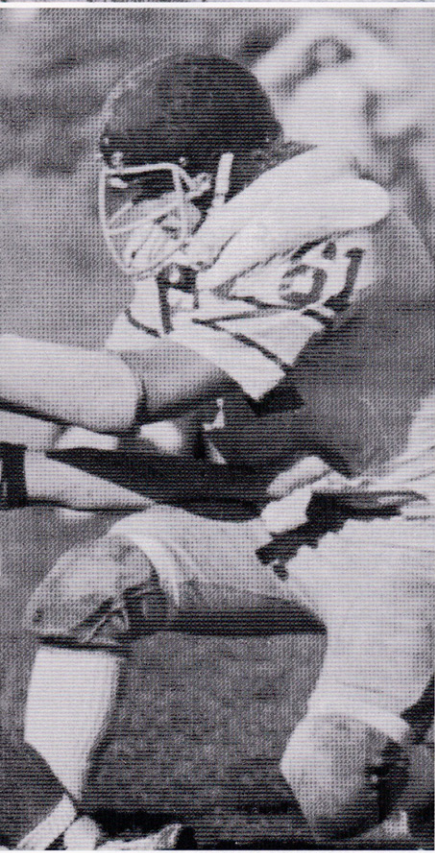
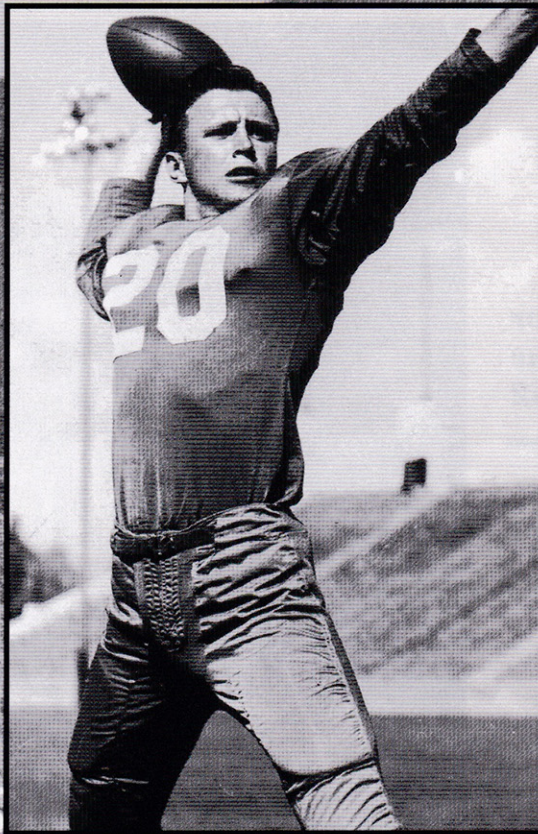
A Rough, Tough Rivalry No More

For years one of the most historic high school football rivalries in the southwestern United States, today the Bisbee-Douglas civil war is a mirror image of its glorious past. But don't blame the schools. Time and the ever changing mining industry have taken its toll.

By Barry Sollenberger



(Sierra Vista Herald/Review photo)



"Today, the National Football League has the Green Bay - Detroit game, but Cochise County has something better."

**-Bob Mings, Sports Editor
Bisbee Daily Review
November, 1962**

Jerry Loper was in a unique group. By October of 1996, as the head football coach at Chandler High School, he was one of only nine Arizona coaches to win 200 or more games in the coaching ranks.

But on a late Monday night last fall, Loper died in a three-vehicle collision at Eighth Street and Alma School Road, not far from Westwood High. He was exchanging football films with a friend.

Loper died one block from where he left his greatest mark in a football career that spanned four decades as a player and coach. It included stops in Flagstaff as a college star at Northern Arizona University, then Wellton Antelope, Tucson Amphitheater, Westwood and Chandler as a head coach. His 224 wins ranked seventh all-time among Arizona coaches.

But a piece of history was lost, also. You see, Jerry Loper was a Bisbee boy. Born and raised. And before he graduated from Bisbee High, in the Class of '58, he had the opportunity to play in the Bisbee-Douglas football rivalry. Just like thousands of youngsters before him and since.

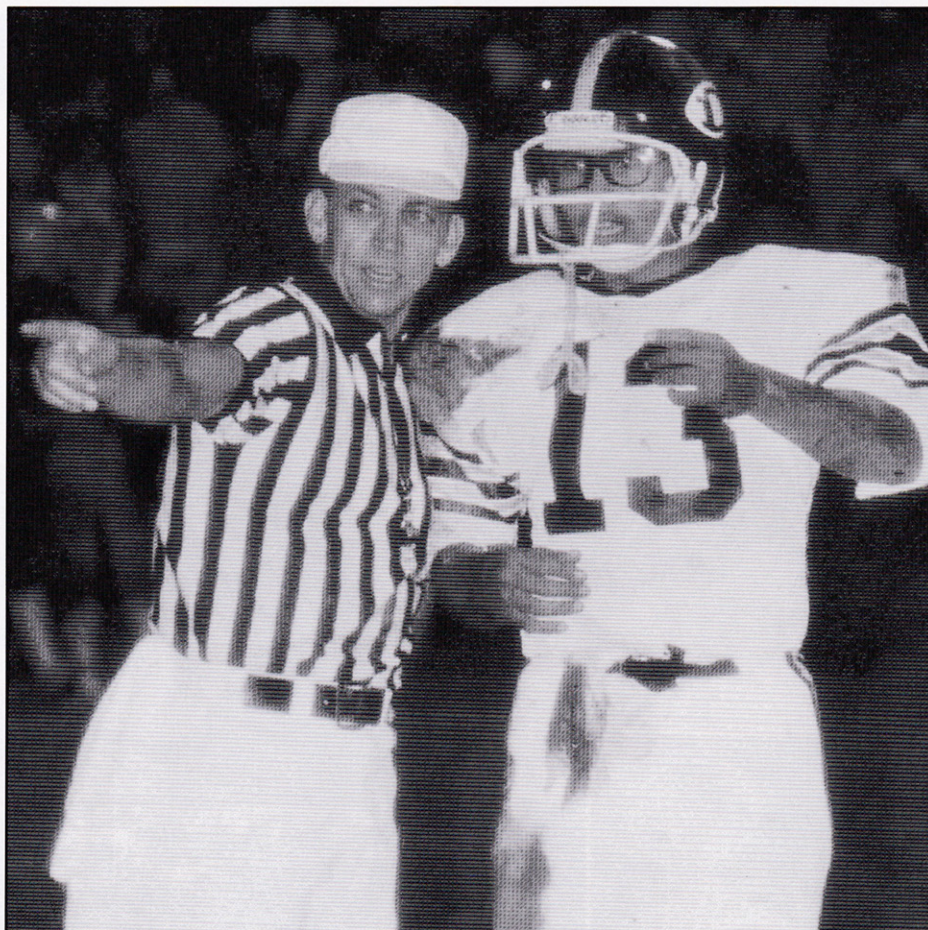
In the annals of Arizona schoolboy football, there has been nothing like it. Period. Not the short-lived Phoenix Union-North High holiday clash, the Globe-Miami Civil War, or the Westwood-Mesa city battle.

No Arizona schoolboy football rivalry can match it. They've come close, but no cigar.

"Today, the National Football League has the Green Bay-Detroit game," wrote Bob Mings of the *Bisbee Daily Review* on Thanksgiving Day, 1962. "But Cochise County has something better."

LIVING LEGENDS

The Douglas-Bisbee grid series was first played twice a year, with a confer-



No Bisbee-Douglas quarterback left a bigger legacy than Tony Cortez Rose: 66 touchdown passes, 5,281 yards.

ence game on Armistice Day and a final on Thanksgiving. It is the longest series in number of games played in Arizona history. Better yet, it is the second longest in the nation. Since 1906 - six years before statehood - the two schools, located deep in southeastern Arizona, have played 128 times. Only two schools in Connecticut, New London and Norwich Academy, which first met in 1875, have played more.

Historically, you just can't beat it. These two towns, born out of the wealth of the Phelps Dodge copper mines, have produced many of the state's most legendary coaches, players and thrill-a-minute games.

Coaches like H.B. "Fuzzy" Warren, Milton Morse, Frank Sancet, Ottis Coffey, Charles Willingham, Ike Sharp, Kenny Sawin and Mike Foster at Douglas. Or Jack Wilson, Waldo Dicus, Max Spilsbury and Al Ridgeway in Bisbee, to list a few. Many themselves former players who couldn't get Cochise County football out of their blood.

Then there were the players.

Schoolboy legends. Especially the backs. How could so many great high school backs come out of the same county?

Backs like Roy Benton, Johnny "Button" Salmon, Paul "Blondie" Landrum, Bill Hargis, Tom Hargis, "King" Beeth, Mike Shafer, Garner Barnett, Johnny Graham, Jack "Dixie" Redding, Bill Penn, Hadley Hicks, Nate Hickman or Teddy Sorich. Or dozens of others who galloped through Warren Park for Bisbee High. Hometown heroes who went on to star in college ball, from Arizona to Alabama, from Oregon to Texas soil.

Some played when there was no grass at Warren Park. Each fall the field was graded with a drag, and fans, lacking seating facilities, watched games from the sidelines, advancing with the movement of the ball.

Jerry Tong, an all-state center in 1924, once remarked, "A run down the sidelines was practically impossible, unless the interference blocked out some of the spectators, too."

Sorich, an all-state quarterback at

Bisbee in 1954 and 1955, once recalled, "You could be 0-9 and if you won that game, your whole season was made. By the same token, you could be 9-0 and if you lost the game, it was like you hadn't won a thing."

Or Joe Causey, Raul Castro, Bobby Hohstadt, Jimmy Negri, Wayne Huish, Gib Dawson, Armando DeLucas, Bobby Grantham, David Ahl, Alan Gordon or Tony Rose in Douglas. Bulldog alum who thrilled thousands at the 15th Street stadium in the Border City.

Then there's the kickers. Maybe it was the air, or the water. How do you explain Cochise County producing the greatest kickers in the game?

There's Bill Hargis. Known as "The Ehl" when he played, he still owns the University of Arizona record for the longest punt from scrimmage - 84 yards against Rice. Then there's Mark Kalastro, later a tackle at Arizona State, who boomed a 78-yard punt out of bounds at the two against Duncan. He repeated the same trick against Tucson High, but for 72 yards. In 1935, from the line of scrimmage, Kalastro averaged 60.6 yards per punt.

In 1946, sophomore Gib Dawson was one of the best young backs in the nation. Just ask Bisbee fans in Warren. During a 32-6 rout of the Pumas, Dawson scored two quick touchdowns and then got off a typical Dawson punt - 80 yards from scrimmage.

SMASH-MOUTH FOOTBALL

How intense was this rivalry? Check these games out:

- In 1921, on Thanksgiving Day, neither team was in the mood for giving, much less Douglas head coach R.M. Armstrong. Before 2,500 fans at Warren Park, the contest ended in a 13-13 deadlock. The game was marred by a fight between Armstrong and referee Steve Thompson. It was the last game Armstrong coached at Douglas.

- On Armistice Day, 1936, in Warren, Bisbee police and sheriff forces broke up fights which cropped up along the sidelines, then another across the field

"A run down the sidelines was practically impossible, unless the interference blocked out some of the spectators, too."



**Mark Kalastro
Bisbee**



**Bill Penn
Bisbee**

as the two schools drum corps staged an exhibition drill at halftime. Of the 2,000-plus fans in attendance an estimated 500 lined the field because bleacher seating was inadequate.

- Armistice Day, 1939, this time in the Border City, fights broke out among fans throughout the contest, working Sheriff I.V. Pruitt, his deputies and the Douglas police force overtime. Bisbee won this one, 13-0.

- In 1946, Douglas, paced by Gib Dawson and Carlos Lillywhite, crushed their rivals in both meetings, 32-6 and 54-0. The Copper Pick, traditionally awarded to the winning team, was presented to Douglas by Bisbee student body president John Kelly. But the Arizona Interscholastic Association ruled several Bulldog players ineligible, and awarded both wins to Bisbee. Intense resentment ensued when Douglas failed to return the Pick.

- On November 27, 1947, Douglas fans created a near riot after an 18-14 loss. They swarmed onto the field, with a game official the object of their wrath. Police temporarily broke up the disturbance, but scraps followed on several Bisbee streets afterwards. In the wake of Bisbee's victory, Bulldog partisans mutilated the giant "B" on Chihuahua Hill, above the town. One week later, a bus load of DHS freshmen, in an affirmation of sportsmanship and goodwill, drove up and repainted the letter.

- In 1950, the Dogs knew what it took to beat Bisbee. Stop all-state back Hadley Hicks, who had just scored five touchdowns against Morenci. And they did just that, before 4,000 fans at Warren. The win set off a victory parade in the streets. That didn't set too well with Puma fans, since the game was in Bisbee.

- For Douglas, there was nothing good about the 1955 season, including a 53-6 loss to Bisbee and a 1-9 record. The Dogs were coached by Gene Offield. Earlier, nine players quit when a popular member of the team was dropped from

the squad. It was Offield's first and last year as the DHS head coach.

COPPER MINING LORE

Bisbee was born by accident, in 1877. Army scouts and cavalymen found good looking rock in Tombstone Canyon, where the heart of the old town now stands. Claims were filed and prospectors, speculators, schemers and connivers descended on the area. Claims were staked, traded, bought and sold. Digging started all over the mountain.

To stop in Bisbee is to stop in time. Located in the Mule Mountains, Bisbee is full of Old West history and copper mining lore. Today, boarding houses have been refurbished into eating establishments. Former saloons are now quaint shops, antique stores or art galleries.

The Queen Mine Tour, a trip into the historic copper mine, reveals one of the nation's largest inactive mines. (The key word is "inactive.") Then there's the Lavender Pit Mine, one of the nation's largest.

World famous Brewery Gulch, which in its heyday boasted upwards to 47



The much traveled Johnny Graham, an all-state back in 1941, played at Benson, Bisbee and Mesa High.

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Salutes The Bisbee-Douglas MVPs

KING OF THE COPPER PICK



**Tony Cortez Rose
Douglas**



**Ted Sorich
Bisbee**



**Joe Causey
Douglas**



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**Garner Barnett
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1996..... David Acosta, Douglas (HB)
 *1995..... Keith Daboll, Bisbee (QB)
 *1990..... Joey Salcido, Douglas (HB)
 1989..... Tommy Stone, Douglas (HB)
 1988..... David Rose, Douglas (QB)
 1987..... John Bess, Douglas (E)
 1986..... John Necas, Douglas (T)
 1985..... Jorge Leon, Douglas (RB)
 1984..... Levi Salazar, Douglas (RB)
 1983..... Mario Salmon, Douglas (NG)
 1982..... Armando Robles, Douglas (RB)
 1981..... Louie Varela, Douglas (QB)
 1980..... Louie Varela, Douglas (QB)
 1979..... Hector Varela, Douglas (QB)
 1978..... Cesar Sierra, Douglas (RB)
 1977..... Alex Brown, Douglas (RB)
 1976..... Joey Huish, Douglas (WR)
 1975..... Bill Salzbrener, Douglas (WR)
 1974..... Tony Rose, Douglas (QB)
 1973..... Alfred Gonzalez, Douglas (DT)
 1972..... David Chavez, Bisbee (FB)
 1971..... Ronnie Stock, Bisbee (QB)
 1970..... Randy Creviston, Bisbee (RB)
 1969..... Joe Fisher, Douglas (RB)
 1968..... Ed Holly, Bisbee (C)
 1967..... Joe Causey, Douglas (QB)
 1966..... Don Grant, Bisbee (B)
 1965..... Henry Rodriguez, Douglas (LB)
 1964..... Arnold Elzy, Douglas (QB)
 1963..... Royce Puckett, Bisbee (RB)
 1962..... Don Reay, Douglas (QB)
 1961..... Bob Sanders, Bisbee (QB)
 1960..... Tony Rose, Douglas (HB)
 1959..... Doug Knipp, Bisbee (QB)
 1958..... Doug Knipp, Bisbee (QB)

1957..... Mike Bernall, Douglas (E)
 1956..... Bob Grantham, Douglas (QB)
 1955..... Ted Sorich, Bisbee (QB)
 Nate Hickman, Bisbee (RB)
 1954..... Ted Sorich, Bisbee (QB)
 1953..... Billy Bohlen, Bisbee (HB)
 1952..... Mandy de Lucas, Douglas (HB)
 1951..... Hadley Hicks, Bisbee (HB)
 Hadley Hicks, Bisbee (HB)
 1950..... Arthur Lawrence, Douglas (QB)
 Hadley Hicks, Bisbee (HB)
 1949..... Arthur Lawrence, Douglas (QB)
 1948..... Jimmy Hallsted, Bisbee (HB)
 1947..... Gale Jackson, Douglas (E)
 Bob Hopson, Bisbee (HB)
 1946..... Gib Dawson, Douglas (HB)
 Carlos Lillywhite, Douglas (E)
 1945..... Rey Castillo, Douglas (E)
 Chuck Ackerman, Bisbee (FB)
 1944..... Bill Penn, Bisbee (HB)
 Bill Penn, Bisbee (HB)
 1943..... Don Fulton, Bisbee (HB)
 Wayne Huish, Douglas (FB)
 1942..... Bill Whisnant, Douglas (E)
 John Zaroni, Bisbee (FB)
 1941..... Johnny Graham, Bisbee (B)
 Johnny Graham, Bisbee (B)
 1940..... Garner Barnett, Bisbee (B)
 Jim Negri, Douglas (B/P)
 1939..... Garner Barnett, Bisbee (B)
 Garner Barnett, Bisbee (B)
 1938..... Felix Estrada, Douglas (B)
 Garner Barnett, Bisbee (B)
 1937..... Ed Beddow, Douglas (C)
 Robert Sosa, Douglas (QB)

1936..... Bernard Sota, Douglas (HB)
 Calvert Snoddy, Douglas (B)
 1935..... Jesus Mason, Douglas (B)
 Mark Kalastro, Bisbee (E/P)
 1934..... Rodolfo Martinez, Bisbee (DE)
 Shorty Millsap, Bisbee (E)
 1933..... Mike Safer, Bisbee (FB)
 Eddie Morales, Douglas (B)
 1932..... Joe Glasson, Bisbee (G)
 Martin Sanders, Douglas (E)
 1931..... Larry Best, Douglas (QB)
 Tom Brady, Bisbee (C)
 1930..... Art Pine, Douglas (QB)
 Art Pine, Douglas (QB)
 1929..... Art Benko, Bisbee (FB)
 Art Benko, Bisbee (FB)
 1928..... Eddie Evans, Douglas (FB)
 James Vercillino, Bisbee (B)
 1927..... Bob Hohstad, Douglas (B)
 Frank Cummins, Douglas (B)
 1926..... Bill Hargis, Bisbee (B)
 Joe Causey, Douglas (B)
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 Joe Causey, Douglas (B)
 1924..... Ray Swain, Douglas (QB)
 Jack Wilson, Bisbee (QB)
 1923..... Ernest Ruterma, Douglas (B)
 Elvin Murray, Bisbee (FB)
 1922..... Tom Negri, Douglas (B)
 Bill Greene, Douglas (QB)
 1921..... Leighton Bledsoe, Bisbee (B)
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For years, another popular stop was Warren Park, home field for the local high school, the Bisbee Pumas. When Brewery Gulch was rockin' Warren was roarin'. Especially on Thanksgiving Day, when the Pumas clashed with the Douglas Bulldogs.

Douglas is named after James S. Douglas, who decided it was necessary to locate a smelting plant for Bisbee's Copper Queen Mine at a location with an abundance of room, and where water would be easily obtained.

It was Douglas who convinced Phelps Dodge, a New Mexico-based import-export company, to get into the mining business. When Douglas died in 1918, he left behind a fortune valued at more than 20 million dollars.

THE COPPER PICK

The tradition of the Copper Pick, awarded each year to the winner of the Bisbee-Douglas football game, started in 1944. It was the idea of Douglas principal Charles R. Johnston. The pick was to represent good sportsmanship between the two arch rivals, and was funded by Phelps Dodge. The winning team is awarded the 18-inch copper replica of a miner's pick, designed by Paul H. Hubar of Douglas. The copper ore was mined in Bisbee and smelted in Douglas, and after the '44 season the "Pick" stood in the Bisbee trophy case. Thanks to halfback Bill Penn, who closed out a brilliant career with a 74-yard scoring dash during a 21-6 Puma win.

"OUR BOYS WILL SHINE TONITE!"

In 1906, Bisbee emerged the winner in the first-ever meeting, 7-6. After Douglas beat the Pumas 28-18 last fall, the score stands at 65-55-8, in favor of the Dogs. With 128 games played over a 90-year span, it's impossible to single out every great player, game-winning play, or heartbreaking loss. But here is a rundown of 28 of the most historic games played

In the Border City, fights broke out among fans throughout the contest, working Sheriff I.V. Pruitt, his deputies and the Douglas police force overtime.

Big days

Outstanding individual performances during the 90 year history of the historic Bisbee-Douglas football rivalry.

TOUCHDOWNS:

5 - Garner Barnett, Bisbee, 1940
4 - Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990

RUSHING YARDS:

311 - Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990
307 - Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
240 - Garner Barnett, Bisbee, 1940

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

92 - Bob Wright, Bisbee, 1971
86 - Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990
85 - Ray Chavez, Bisbee, 1990
83 - Larry Medlock, Bisbee, 1960
82 - Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
81 - Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
80 - Bill Hargis, Bisbee, 1926
79 - Johnny Graham, Bisbee, 1941
74 - Bill Penn, Bisbee, 1944
73 - Tony Rose, Douglas, 1960
71 - Rich Martinez, Douglas, 1988

TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

4 - Don Reay, Douglas, 1962

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES:

3 - Pete McCormick, Douglas, 1956
3 - Frank Roquen, Douglas, 1962
3 - Quinton Reed, Bisbee, 1971

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (Touchdown):

95 - Pete Radix, Bisbee, 1923
85 - Joey Huish, Douglas, 1976
80 - Rene Marruffo, Douglas, 1965
70 - Leslie Miller, Douglas, 1927

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (Touchdown):

86 - David Acosta, Douglas, 1996
80 - Bill Taylor, Bisbee, 1973
79 - Carlos Lillywhite, Douglas, 1946

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN (TOUCHDOWN):

90 - Robert Sosa, Douglas, 1936
80 - Cecil Nelson, Bisbee, 1949
80 - Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
75 - Ben Soto, Douglas, 1936
75 - Edmond Lewis, Douglas, 1959

LONGEST PUNT FROM SCRIMMAGE:

80 - Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946
72 - Bill Edwards, Douglas, 1938
71 - Mark Kalastro, Bisbee, 1934
70 - Garner Barnett, Bisbee, 1940
70 - Jim Negri, Douglas, 1940
65 - Mark Kalastro, Bisbee, 1935
61 - Jim Negri, Douglas, 1940
61 - Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1948
60 - Mark Kalastro, Bisbee, 1935
60 - Jim Negri, Douglas, 1940

LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN (Touchdown):

95 - Pat Kief, Bisbee, 1972
90 - Andy Horn, Bisbee, 1926
85 - Andy Horn, Bisbee, 1924
76 - Jerry Necoecheda, Bisbee, 1980

between Cochise County's bitter rivals. Games and individual performances which historically stand out among the rest:

- Thanksgiving Day, 1924; An outstanding performance by Bisbee quarterback Jack Wilson, who would later become a coaching legend in southern Arizona, knocked out the Dogs 20-10. Wilson's short scoring sprint, Andy Horn's 85-yard fumble return, and "Witchy" Floyd's pass interception accounted for the Pumas' scoring. Joe Causey's TD reception and Ray Swain's 26-yard field goal accounted for Douglas' scoring.

- Armistice Day, 1926; Two terrific college prospects, Causey of Douglas and Bisbee's Bill Hargis, thrilled a standing room crowd at Warren Park. Douglas won 13-12 on Rich Seeley's extra point. Causey and Kelley Nemeck scored on short runs. Bisbee's points came in spectacular fashion: 80 yards by Hargis and a 90-yard fumble return by Andy Horn. Causey later became a star end at Alabama, and set a Crimson Tide record

in the pole vault. Hargis later starred at Arizona.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1931; Neither team was worth their weight in copper, but Bisbee center Tom Brady was everywhere on the field, breaking up almost every Douglas play in a 14-2 win. Two candidates for the "all-name" team, King Beeth and Fairfax Burnside, also starred for the Pumas. Beeth scored twice, once on a pass interception, and Burnside, a 188-pound fullback, was one of the first great black players in the series.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1934; Bisbee end Mark Kalastro, later a star at Arizona State, averaged 42.5 yards punting on the season, 44.0 yards against the Dogs, with the longest traveling 71-yards. Medardo Martinez hit Shorty Millsap with the winning touchdown pass in a 13-7 Puma win. The crowd, estimated at 3,000-plus, was the largest to ever watch a sporting event in Douglas.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1935; Kalastro finishes his career in grand style, leading Bisbee to a 14-0 win. He scored once and kicked both extra points. Quarterback

The Crowds

The largest announced crowds to watch the Douglas-Bisbee rivalry, based on newspaper reports from the *Bisbee Daily Review* and the *Douglas Daily Dispatch*:

Crowd	Score	Year	Place	Winning Coach
7,000	Bisbee 19, Douglas 7	1963	Warren Park	Al Ridgeway
6,200	Bisbee 25, Douglas 7	1954	Douglas	Ottis Coffey
6,000	Bisbee 21, Douglas 12	1961	Warren Park	Al Ridgeway
6,000	Douglas 40, Bisbee 0	1962	Douglas	Charles Willingham
5,100	Douglas 26, Bisbee 21	1964	Douglas	Charles Willingham
5,000	Douglas 54, Bisbee 0	1946	Douglas	Frank Sancet
5,000	Douglas 7, Bisbee 6	1949	Warren Park	Ottis Coffey
5,000	Bisbee 14, Douglas 7	1951	Warren Park	Waldo Dicus
5,000	Bisbee 53, Douglas 6	1955	Warren Park	Al Ridgeway
5,000	Bisbee 14, Douglas 7	1958	Douglas	Al Ridgeway
5,000	(TIE) Douglas 6, Bisbee 6	1968	Douglas	Ike Sharp/E. Creviston
4,650	Douglas 42, Bisbee 21	1960	Douglas	Charles Willingham
4,500	Douglas 32, Bisbee 6	1946	Warren Park	Frank Sancet
4,500	Douglas 26, Bisbee 0	1956	Douglas	Charles Willingham
4,000	Bisbee 25, Douglas 0	1948	Douglas	Waldo Dicus
4,000	Bisbee 13, Douglas 7	1950	Douglas	Waldo Dicus
4,000	Douglas 19, Bisbee 7	1952	Douglas	Max Spilsbury
4,000	Douglas 12, Bisbee 0	1957	Warren Park	Charles Willingham
4,000	Bisbee 21, Douglas 19	1959	Warren Park	Al Ridgeway
4,000	Douglas 41, Bisbee 0	1965	Warren Park	Ike Sharp

Bob Boat raced 60 yards for the other score. But it was Kalastro's punting which thrilled the crowd, booming punts 60 and 65-yards from scrimmage. During the season, he averaged a state record 60.6 yards per kick.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1938; First of the many "big upsets." Bisbee sophomore Garner Barnett, who later played at Arizona State, scored three TDs in a 19-12 win on the road. Earlier, Douglas beat Bisbee 19-6 in Warren. The phenomenal kicking continued. Barnett had a 61-yard punt from scrimmage, followed by a 72-yarder by Bill Edwards of Douglas.

- Armistice Day, 1939; Fist fights broke out among fans spasmodically during the game, but most of the 3,000 in attendance saw the greatest defensive play in the series. Barnett's two TDs paved the way, but the biggest difference in Bisbee's 13-7 win came on defense, when he ran 76 yards to catch Barney Young from behind after Young intercepted a pass at the five - thrown by Barnett.

- Armistice Day, 1940; Outstanding individual performances, especially by Barnett, was the rule in both games. First, Barnett rushed for 240 yards and scored five touchdowns - most ever in the series (see chart). Bisbee routed the Dogs 40-0, before 3,500 in Warren. But the rematch on Thanksgiving was closer. Halfback Ed Koehler fired a TD pass to Abe Yanez with 60 seconds left for a 13-7 win. The

Dogs' Jim Negri, in a losing cause, averaged 47.0 yards per punt, with three sailing 70, 61 and 60-yards. Barnett averaged 44.5 yards himself. With no playoff system yet, Barnett scored 50 touchdowns during his career, and after a 6-6 tie with Tucson High, in which he scored on an 85-yard run, legendary Badger coach Rollin T. Gridley said, "I'll just be glad when Garner Barnett graduates."

- Thanksgiving Day, 1942; Because of the war effort, Phelps Dodge kept the mines working at full capacity without a letup. The Armistice Day game was moved to night so the miners could see the game. Douglas, ranked No. 1 in the state, won 3-0 on a field goal by Louis McKay. But on Thanksgiving, Bisbee upset the Dogs 13-6, when tackle Jack Stewart fell on a blocked punt in the end zone. It was Douglas' only loss to an Arizona school, having dropped a 21-6 contest in October to El Paso, Texas.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1943; Douglas, beaten 7-6 by Bisbee two weeks earlier, regrouped and whacked the Pumas 33-0, played again at night. But the big news was at the *Douglas Daily Dispatch*, where the Bulldogs' games were covered by Mary Beth Nelson, believed to be the first female sports writer at a major newspaper in Arizona history.

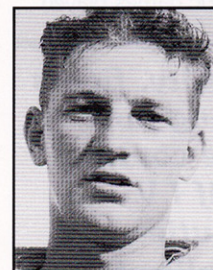
- Armistice Day, 1944; By now, increased attendance forced both schools to enlarge their stadiums. Bisbee senior

Bill Penn led the Pumas to a 20-19 win in the schools' 72nd meeting. He duplicated the performance one week later on Thanksgiving, the first game played for the Copper Pick. This game, a 21-6 victory, saw Penn score on a 74-yard run from punt formation, his last touchdown in a Red & Grey uniform.

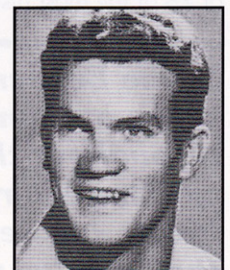
- Thanksgiving Day, 1947; Little Jimmy Hallsted was a pain in the neck to Douglas for two years. In the first of several upsets, Hallsted returned a punt 55-yards and Bob Hopson scored twice in an 18-14 win. Young Gib Dawson, later a star back at Texas, scored twice for Douglas. Two weeks earlier, Douglas fullback Gale Jackson scored the only touchdown in the last Armistice Day game, won 7-0 by the Dogs. In 1948, Bisbee knocked out Dawson and Douglas 25-0 in Douglas. Dawson averaged 40.0 yards on five punts in the first half, with a 61-yarder the longest. Hallsted scored again for Bisbee, and young Hadley Hicks tossed two touchdown passes.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1949; The largest crowd in the game's history, 5,000 at Warren Park, saw 235-pound Douglas fullback Arthur Lawrence hit Bill Alexander with the winning touchdown as time ran out. In the 7-6 loss, Bisbee scored on an 80-yard pass interception by Cecil Nelson.

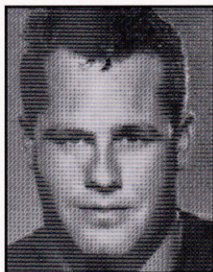
- Thanksgiving Day, 1951; If for no other reason this 14-7 Bisbee win closed out the brilliant career of Hadley Hicks, the Pumas' two-sport All-American. He gained 4,480 yards, scored 44 touchdowns and booted 34 extra points. He scored only twice as a freshman, but one was a 97-yard punt return against Phoenix Union. During his junior year he broke two Southern Conference track records, sailing 23-5 in the long jump (old record held by Douglas' Gib Dawson), and ran 22.3 in the 220-yard dash (old record held by Bisbee's Johnny Graham). He ran 100 yards in 10.0 seconds flat. After graduation, Hicks became the first ever athlete to play varsity baseball for both Arizona and Arizona State.



Jerry Loper
Bisbee



Max Spilsbury
Bisbee



Wayne Huish
Douglas



Hadley Hicks
Bisbee

- Thanksgiving Day, 1954; Coached by Max Spilsbury, Bisbee clobbered their rivals 25-7 to finish 9-0-1 and No. 1 in the state. Ottis Coffey was the losing coach. Junior quarterback Teddy Sorich accounted for all of Bisbee's points, scoring twice, kicking an extra point and tossing TD passes to Bruce McDonald and Charles Lugo. The crowd, estimated at 6,200 in Douglas, was believed to be the largest to ever watch an athletic event in Cochise County.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1955; One of the best individual performances in the series saw Bisbee fullback Nate Hickman steal the show as the Pumas romped to a 53-6 victory. He ripped off touchdown runs of 80, 81 and 82 yards to help the home team to a 40-0 halftime lead. On the night he gained 307 yards, believed to be a school rushing record.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1957; Douglas (9-1) was the No. 1 ranked Class A team in the state, having lost only to Eloy Santa Cruz. One week prior to Thanksgiving the Pumas beat Tucson Salpointe 38-0 in a televised game in Tucson. Against Bisbee, in front of 4,000 in Warren, a host of Bulldog tacklers, led by Mike Bernal, roared in on Bisbee punter Jerry Loper and blocked his punt into the end zone. Richard Contreras fell on it for a first quarter score and the Dogs prevailed 12-0. Bernal and his teammates held Bisbee to minus 12 yards rushing, 18 passing and one first down.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1959; Bisbee

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quarterback Doug Knipp scored twice and threw a touchdown pass to Jesse Austin during a 21-19 win, before an overflow crowd of 4,000 in Warren. For Douglas, Tony Rose scored twice, including a 20-yard pass interception. Teammate Edmond Lewis raced 75-yards with a pass interception.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1960; Exactly 4,650 watched halfback Tony Rose play his last home game, guiding the Dogs (9-2) to a 42-21 win. Frankie Romero blocked two Puma punts. By now the Arizona Interscholastic Association had established an official playoff system. One week later, in the Class A finals, Douglas was beaten by Scottsdale Arcadia, 21-13.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1961; Quarterback Bob Sanders led Bisbee to a 21-12 upset of top-ranked Douglas, played before 6,000 fans in Warren. The unbeaten Dogs took a 12-0 lead but the Pumas roared back, scoring on a 3-yard run by Ray Johnson, Sanders' sprint from the 10, and Johnson's 60-yard pass interception. Douglas, which beat AA state champ Tucson Pueblo early in the season, finished 9-1, Bisbee 7-3.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1962; If for no other reason this 40-0 Bulldog whitewash was the last game played between the two schools in the same conference. Coached by Charles Willingham, the Gold & Black moved into Class AA, while the Pumas remained in the A-South. Willingham praised his "Mighty Midgets," and told after the game interviewers, "They went home knowing they were beat." Bisbee coach Al Ridgeway admitted, "Douglas wanted this victory a lot more than we did." Both teams finished 5-4.

- Thanksgiving Day, 1964; Little quarterback Arnold Elzy (5-7, 150) was cause for grief, leading Douglas to a 26-21 win in the 99th meeting, the last played on Turkey Day. A crowd of 5,000 witnessed the clash in Douglas. The winners finished 2-8, Bisbee 4-5-1. It was Willingham's last game.

- In October, 1968, Douglas, ranked No. 9 in AAA, and coached by Ike Sharp, faced the Pumas, ranked No. 5 in AA and coached by Elmer Creviston. Bisbee's Mike Creager ran for 121 yards, 282-pound center Ed Holly played a terrific game, and the Pumas knocked the Dogs' off football's cloud nine with a 6-6 tie. Paul Sharp, the coach's son, missed three short field goals and an extra point in the game, played before 5,000 fans in Douglas. Two weeks later, in one of the state's all-time greatest upsets, Sharp

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regained his aim in Tucson, where the Dogs surprised top-rated Tucson High, 21-13. The game was watched by 7,000 fans, and like all Bulldog games, broadcast live by KWAT Radio. Fans in Douglas were delirious. Douglas later advanced all the way to the AAA finals, where they are beaten by Phoenix St. Mary's, 27-14. Throughout the season, an estimated 59,500 fans watched the Dogs play, an average of 4,958 per game.

- By 1972, Cochise County's two largest schools were opening the season against each other. This game was bizarre. Bisbee's Pat Kief raced 95-yards with a fumble recovery after a mouth-piece infraction erased a Douglas score. That was the difference in the game, a 14-8 Puma victory. The Pumas Ron Stock averaged 50.0 yards on four punts.

- In 1976, Douglas routed Bisbee 40-14, with receiver Joey Huish returning punts 85 and 65-yards for touchdowns. When the season ended, Bulldog field general Tony Cortez Rose was the most productive quarterback in the school's history: 5,281 yards and 66 touchdown passes.

- By September, 1980, the closing of the Lavender Pit Mine in Bisbee had taken its toll on both the school system and the town. Douglas, coached by Mike Foster, creamed the Pumas, 33-7. Quarterback Louie Varela passed for 217 yards. After 108 games the Dogs' victory evened the series at 54-all, with eight games ending in a tie. Between 1974 and 1982, under head coaches Ken Sawin and Foster, Douglas played in nine consecutive post season playoff games. On the other hand, Bisbee followed that run with a 44-game winless streak.

- The 126th game, played on September 14, 1990, typified the depth of which the rivalry had pummeled. If Bisbee coach Fred Giacoletti had his way, the meeting between the Class 2A Pumas and the 4A Bulldogs would be the last.

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"It's silly to continue this series," he said. "The way these schools are size-wise, it's putting our kids at risk, and not conducive to building a winning program. We don't belong on the same field as Douglas." The Bulldogs ground Bisbee into the dust, by the tune of 547 yards total offense. Douglas running back Joey Salcido gained 311 yards and scored four TDs. The score was 49-6. It was the Dogs' 18th straight victory over their rivals - longest in the series. Soon afterwards, Giacoletti got his wish. After 84 years and 126 games the series was dropped.

• On September 8, 1995, after a four year layoff, the series was reborn. Surprisingly, Bisbee nipped the Dogs, 13-10. Receiver Matt Morales caught five passes for 101 yards. But in reality, it wasn't an upset. When Douglas beat Tucson Cholla two weeks later, it snapped a 22-game losing skid, longest in the school's history.

BEGINNING OF THE END

Financially and athletically, the beginning of the end for Cochise County's

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biggest show came on December 14, 1974. That's when Phelps Dodge Corp. closed down the Lavender Pit Mine and Concentrator in Bisbee. The cut in operation affected 300 employees, most of whom were offered employment at other company operations in other towns.

The decision was forced by exhausted ore reserves, lowering copper prices and increased costs of production, especially labor. "Underground mining of the type of ore that requires processing in the concentrator will be terminated when the concentrator closes," said one Phelps Dodge spokesman. "Mining of underground ore that can be smelted without

prior treatment will be continued in Bisbee as long as it is economic to do so."

But, according to many, the rivalry lost its edge before the mine closed. "It doesn't mean as much to us as it used to," said Douglas head coach Ed Pence in 1972. "The longer we stay in a larger class it will mean less to us and more to them. The real change came when we changed conferences."

Athletic Director Ike Sharp, once the Dogs' head coach, added, "Moving the game from Thanksgiving Day took a lot of tradition out of it, too. We had to do it because of the state playoffs."

In 1976, a University of Arizona report predicted a drastic population decline in Bisbee. According to the report, within 20 years Bisbee's population would drop more than 50%, from 8,800 to less than 3,500. The drop would be accompanied by falling housing values, declining tax revenues, and budget pressures for the city and school systems.

The report hit the nail on the head.

NO POLICE ESCORTS

In 1990, both coaches, Bisbee's Fred Giacoletti and Douglas' Dick Keith, were well aware of the rivalry. Both played in the final Thanksgiving Day encounter in 1964, which Douglas won.

"I wouldn't really describe it as a rivalry anymore," Giacoletti said. "It hasn't been the same ever since the mines closed. Before it didn't matter what your record was, just as long as you won the Bisbee-Douglas game. The entire community was involved. You got so pumped up, you just went all out."

"But it's not the same as it was 20 years ago," added Keith. "I don't think it will ever be the same, but I take it seriously and I want to beat Bisbee like I know they want to beat us. The rivalry exists, it's just not as intense as it was."

"Over the years the intensity has dwindled," wrote Chris Dabovich in the *Bisbee Herald/Review*. "Police escorts were often utilized for the visiting team, and that hasn't happened in a long time."

Former Bisbee assistant principal Charles Ham acknowledged that once Phelps Dodge closed its mining operation in Bisbee, the rivalry was not the same. "That's when it started dwindling," Ham said, noting that Douglas always had more students. "Following closure of the mines, Bisbee's enrollment dropped significantly."

Good things don't last forever.



In a mild upset, Douglas quarterback Vince Cardona can't escape Bisbee's Adam Yepiz in the Pumas' 13-10 win, ending an 18-game skid to the 'Dogs. (Douglas Dispatch photo)



Quarterback Danny White (11) hands the ball to Woody Green during Arizona State's win over Pitt in the 1973 Fiesta Bowl. At right, father Wilford "Whizzer" White (33) is mugged by Miami of Ohio players in the 1950 Salad Bowl.

White's Family Legacy Grows

By Bob Snider

Danny White, perhaps the most decorated of the 129 players who played for Frank Kush at Arizona State and played professionally, is enjoying his own success as a coach.

Today, White is the head coach and general manager of the Arizona Rattlers of the Arena Football League. In 1994, White led the Rattlers to the Arena championship, the first world title for an Arizona professional team.

The former Mesa Westwood, ASU and Dallas Cowboy quarterback will soon join his former college coach, Frank Kush, in the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame, making him the first former Sun Devil player to be honored.

White credits his former mentors - Kush and Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys - for helping him develop leadership and savvy. "More than anything else, Frank Kush taught me the value of

the coaching position and what you're capable of doing as a coach," White says. "He taught me about pushing players to their potential and beyond.

"We saw that with the Rattlers, winning a championship with guys who weren't the most talented in the league. Frank did that with us at ASU. He took guys who were too small or too slow to play major college football and we went 32-4 and won three Fiesta Bowls."

White was especially pleased with

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Kush's recent selection into the College Hall of Fame. "Just knowing what he did for the ASU program, the Western Athletic Conference, the number of players he put into the pros and the lives he changed truly took care of some unfinished business."

White said Landry's winning Dallas teams of the late '70s were also made up of overachievers. "I played with some Cowboy teams that had players who, on strength and speed, had no right to play in the NFL. Guys like Leroy Jordan, Drew Pearson, Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters. The whole team was made up of guys like that.

"Landry taught me there's a right way and a wrong way to do everything. The right way will always pay dividends, although it may take awhile. But the right mindset will eventually make a difference in winning and losing. The way you treat players is more important than the results themselves."

At Dallas, White enjoyed the highest

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and lowest moments as an NFL quarterback. As the player who followed Roger Staubach, he often faced criticism from Cowboys fans. But he also erased many of Staubach's records. White still holds Cowboy career marks for completions and touchdown passes. When Dallas selected its 25th Anniversary Team, White was the punter.

At Arizona State, White-led Sun Devil teams dominated the up-and-coming Western Athletic Conference and set the stage for the school's move into the Pac-10. Recruited originally as a baseball player, hereditary may partly account for his athletic success.

Danny's father Wilford was an All-America high school back at Mesa High, an outstanding basketball player, and a state champion sprinter and long jumper. At Arizona State "Whizzer" earned All-America honors again, notched 16 different 100-yard rushing games, and is still listed 40 times in the ASU record book - 45 years later. He also played professionally, with the Chicago Bears.

Danny may have been the best quarterback ever to play in talent-rich Mesa. In 1969, the slick Westwood signal caller passed for 1,365 yards for the near-perfect Warriors (9-1), considered by many the best team in Arizona. The Dave Gates-coached club averaged 37.6 points, most ever by a Mesa school. They beat one team, Yuma Kofa, 100-6. White also played safety, and was selected MVP of the 1970 North-South all-star game in Flagstaff. A basketball-baseball-track star, he also broke the Westwood school record in the long jump, and earned 11 varsity letters before graduating.

"Danny was a creative and highly productive player," said Kush recently. "He made things happen. He had great rapport with his teammates and had their unqualified respect. I have had the privilege of coaching some great athletes, in college and the pros. Danny has always been extra special in my mind, as an exceptional athlete and a super person."

Danny set more than 30 offensive

records at ASU, including most career TD passes (64) and yards passing (6,717). He was named first team All-America by the *Football Writers* and two other associations after the 1973 season, and finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting. He might have finished higher had he not shared the spotlight with teammate Woody Green, a running back who finished eighth. Upon graduation, White held seven NCAA passing and total offense records.

In 1971, *Sports Illustrated* rated White the second most productive college quarterback of all-time, behind former Brigham Young star Steve Young.

White's college career never produced the national championships he enjoyed with the Cowboys or the Rattlers. That's partly because ASU, even with four consecutive WAC titles, could never impress national pollsters enough. The Sun Devils' highest ranking during Whites' three-year run (1971-73) was No. 6.

"We won everything we could win. We had great players, but I don't think anyone wanted to play us in a major bowl," he noted.

But as a three-year starter, White's ASU teams played in three Fiesta Bowls, beating Florida State 45-38, Missouri 49-35, and Pittsburgh 28-7, in that order. Freshman didn't play varsity football at the time. In 1970, his first year on the college campus, the Sun Devils beat North Carolina 48-26 in the Peach Bowl.

But college football, White says, will always secure a special place in his heart. "The whole mentality was different from the pro game. As an amateur player, the fans and everyone involved had more respect for you. You were perceived as a hero, whereas in the pro ranks you were paid a lot of money to do it.

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere. We weren't being paid anything to do what we were doing, and guys played more for the love of the game than anything else. To see guys come together and pull together and win championships for just the love of playing was a great experience."

White's attitude about football and his success today is no surprise to his old college coach. "Danny was a team player in every sense of the term," adds Kush. "He developed great interpersonal relationships and always had a positive outlook. He was a true leader and the epitome of what people expect of an outstanding athlete."

"I love living in the Phoenix area," says White, married 25 years and the father of four. "I don't want to get stuck in a profession where nine out of 10 people are unemployed, and you have to hunt jobs all over the country. Right now I enjoy coaching Arena football. It's a great product, and I'm the head coach and general manager. I call the shots. And it's only a full-time job about five months of the year."

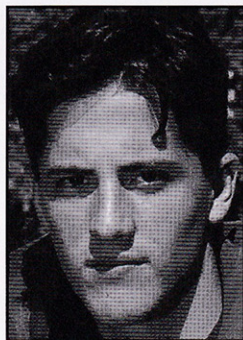


In a 1968 game at Westwood, White (right), as a defensive back, chases down Scottsdale Coronado quarterback Jim Brady.

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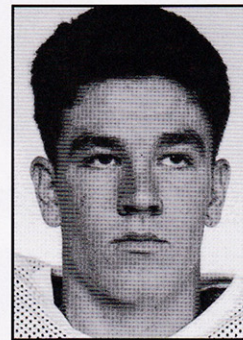
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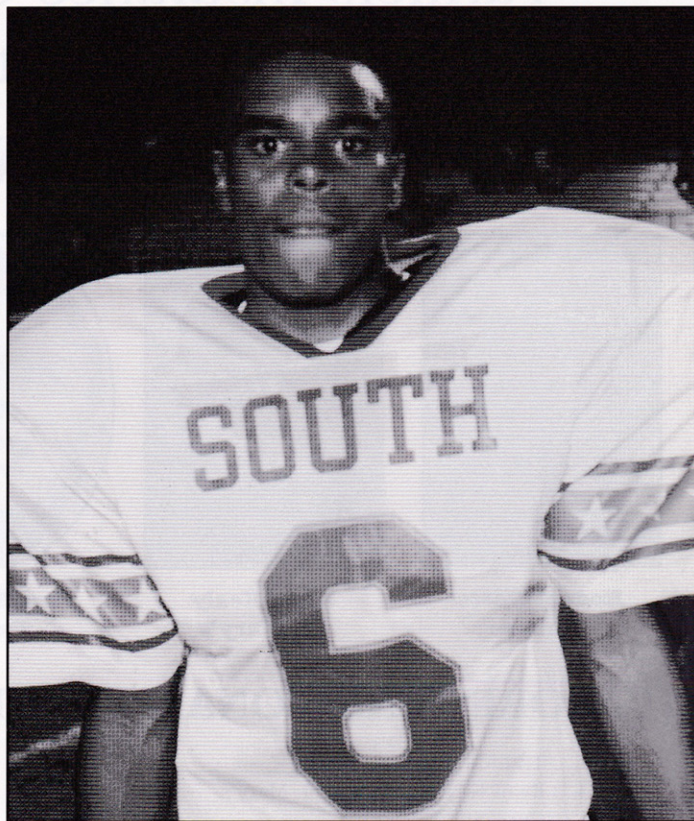
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1952 Pat Flood, Tucson
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FRED ENKE, JR., a three-sport star at Tucson High and the University of Arizona, was the first Arizona schoolboy to start at quarterback in the NFL. He played with Detroit (1948-51), Philadelphia (1952) and Baltimore (1953-54).

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Bullhead City's Moses Love (40) rushed for 2,089 yards and scored 27 touchdowns. South Mountain's Rashad Bauman (6), the 5A player of the year, scored 28 touchdowns (Arizona Informant).

'96 Super All-State Team Big, Fast

By **JEFF KRIDER**

The beat goes on. It was another banner year for schoolboy football in the Grand Canyon State.

Talent-wise, it just gets better.

An All-American receiver from Tempe, a record-breaking running back from Peoria, and the best all-around player in 5A football highlighted another outstanding year.

Justin Taplin, the player of the year, caught 75 passes for 1,295 yards and 16 touchdowns for 4A state champ Tempe. Coached by **Tim McBurney**, the Buffaloes nipped Glendale Ironwood 20-17 in overtime at the state finals at Sun Devil Stadium. Taplin's teammate, quarterback **Todd Mortensen**, a late BYU signee, passed for a school record 2,442 yards and 32 touchdowns. He connected with Taplin for the winning score in the overtime clash with Ironwood.

Phoenix Carl Hayden's **Ty-Juan Swasey**, a member of the Falcon's state championship basketball squad, averaged

28.8 yards per catch, best in the school's 38-year-history. Swasey plans to attend Scottsdale Community College.

At Peoria, tailback **Kyrán Jones** rushed for 2,094 yards and scored 32 touchdowns - a 4A state record for a junior. Jones (see cover) became the first underclassman since Tucson Sunnyside's Fred Sims (Oklahoma) to win the "Whizzer White Award," given annually to the state's best running back. In Bullhead City, big **Moses Love** (6-3, 255) rushed for 2,089 yards and scored 27 touchdowns for the 5-5 Thunderbirds. Word

has it that Arizona Western plans to play him at defensive end.

At South Mountain, two-way back **Rashad Bauman**, the state's 5A scoring champion, was an easy pick as the 5A Player of the Year. The University of Oregon signee scored touchdowns from everywhere on the field: 18 by rushing, five receiving, two on punt returns, two pass interceptions and one fumble return. He won the "Tyrone Byrd Award," given annually to the state's best defensive back, by a landslide.

Byrd was a three-sport star at Chandler High between 1985-87, and a star defensive back at the University of Nebraska. He was projected as a high NFL draft pick, but his career was halted by an automobile accident in 1993.

Tucson Amphi halfback **Antrel Bates** (no relation to Marion, Michael or Mario) rushed for 1,812 yards, most ever by a Tucson junior, while Sabino safety **Aaron Smith** led his city with 14 interceptions, returning six for touchdowns. He picked off five, returning three for scores, in a

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playoff win over Tucson Desert View.

For the first time in 34 years, two linemen shared honors in the trenches. Tucson's **Ralph Zarate** and Brophy Prep's **Bryan Kula**, both preseason-prep All-Americans, tied for the "Brian Murray Award," given to the state's premier interior lineman.

The award is named after the late Salpointe High grad, a three-year starter at the University of Arizona - also projected as a high NFL pick - who was killed in a fall at Redington Pass. In 1962, tackles **Gary Swift** (Oregon State) and **Bob Bertelsen** (Kansas) of nationally ranked Scottsdale Arcadia won the award, the last such time it was shared.

Kingman's **Trevor Mote**, the Northern Arizona Player of the Year, passed for 984 yards, rushed for 1,032, scored 24 touchdowns, kicked eight field goals and 29 extra points, returned five kickoffs for touchdowns and intercepted six passes. Possibly the state's best all-around athlete, Mote also starred on the Bulldogs' basketball team, and won all-state honors in baseball at shortstop.

Lakeside Blue Ridge, coached by **Paul Moro**, has won three consecutive 3A championships and 39 games in a row, moving close to the state's unbeaten slate of 43. In 11 years with the Yellowjackets, Moro has won six state championships and 80% of his games. In the 3A finals, Blue Ridge overcame Tylon Law's fourth quarter heroics to nip the Boys Ranch 22-20 on a last second field goal.

In the Class 5A finals, Mesa Mountain View, led by second-year coach **Bernie Buskin**, stuffed Brophy Prep 17-3, also at Sun Devil Stadium. Brophy had scored a school record 504 points before the meeting. But the Broncos, who dropped an earlier game to Mountain View in September, met the same fate in the finals. For the winning Toros, kicker **Jeremy Kelley** was terrific, pinning

'96 Awards:

5A Player of the Year

Rashad Bauman, South Mountain

4A Player of the Year

Justin Taplin, Tempe Union

3A Player of the Year

Tylon Law, Arizona Boys Ranch

2A Player of the Year

Micah Barton, Phoenix Christian

'96 Super All-State

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player/High School/Size	College Choice
QB	Todd Mortensen, Tempe Union, 6-4, 204	BYU
RB	Kyran Jones, Peoria, 6-1, 172 (jr)	Peoria H.S.
RB	Antrel Bates, Tucson Amphi, 6-0, 170 (jr)	Amphi H.S.
RB	Moses Love, Bullhead City Mohave, 6-3, 255	Arizona Western
OL	Ralph Zarate, Tucson, 6-5, 285	Arizona State
OL	Erin Huizingh, Tempe McClintock, 6-7, 247	Colorado
OL	Kenny Hale, Phoenix South Mountain, 6-3, 260	Northern Arizona
OL	David McKane, Mesa, 6-2, 220	Utah
OL	Chris Hann, Glendale Cactus, 6-4, 251	Northern Arizona
TE	Todd Heap, Mesa Mountain View, 6-4, 210 (jr)	M.V.H.S.
WR	Justin Taplin, Tempe Union, 6-0, 175	Arizona State
WR	Ty-Juan Swasey, Phoenix Carl Hayden, 6-0, 190	Scottsdale CC
WR	Brian Poli-Dixon, Tucson Sabino, 6-3, 190	UCLA
PK	Jeremy Kelley, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 160	Mesa C.C.
P	Quin Davis, Tucson Rincon, 6-0, 185	Arizona Western

DEFENSE

DL	Bryan Kula, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 6-3, 275	Arizona
DL	John Westra, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-5, 240	Washington
DL	Ryan Duncan, Tempe Mountain Pointe, 6-3, 215	Utah State
DL	Eli Wnek, Glendale Ironwood, 6-4, 225	Arizona
DL	Nick Bogle, Mesa Mountain View, 6-3, 245	Mesa Community
LB	Cody Price, Mesa Westwood, 6-3, 205	Arizona State
LB	Kyle Kosier, Glendale Cactus, 6-5, 225	Arizona State
LB	Raymond Perryman, South Mountain, 6-2, 202	Northern Arizona
DB	Rashad Bauman, South Mountain, 5-9, 165	Oregon
DB	Aaron Smith, Tucson Sabino, 6-0, 190	Southwest Missouri
DB	Mike Mantle, Scottsdale Coronado, 5-10, 180	Scottsdale C.C.
DB	Trevor Mote, Kingman, 6-0, 180	Yavapai Junior College
RS	Rashad Bauman, South Mountain	

Brophy's back to the wall all night.

In the field goal department, Kelley booted a state record five against Tempe Marcos de Niza, and finished with 30 in his three-year career, second on the all-time state list.

In Class 2A, **Keith Brown's** high scoring Cougars at Phoenix Christian rolled over 13 opponents. Sort of. They won from Baboquivari by forfeit, when the Warriors dropped the sport. While winning it all, PC played two opponents twice: Superior, which they beat 28-6 and 14-13, and Tempe Valley Christian, 25-0 and 28-6 victories. The later came in the 2A title game.

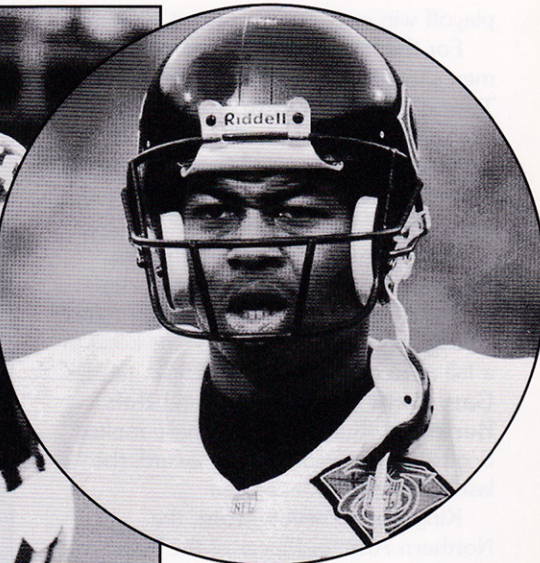
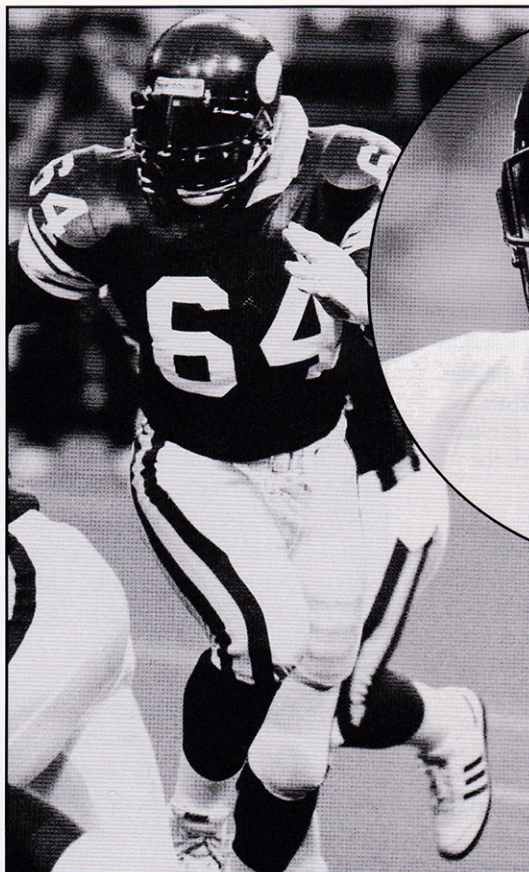
In Class 1A, **Northwest Community Christian** went out with a bang, routing Scottsdale Christian 48-6 in the last 8-man game played by the two schools. Next up is 2A competition. Both school's have witnessed an enrollment jump. Sophomore quarterback Jake Wright tied

a 1A title game record by scoring five touchdowns.

Coaching-wise, Mountain Pointe's **Karl Kiefer** finished the '96 campaign with an 8-5 slate, extending his state leading mark to 256-94-3, one of the best in the country.

At Tucson Amphi, **Vern Friedli's** near-perfect Panthers finished 12-1, extending his career record to 237-90-2. If they stay in the profession, three additional coaches, **Pat Farrell** (St. Mary's), **Bill Mitton** (Trevor Bowne) and **Bernon Benson** (Valley Christian) should reach the magic 200-win plateau soon.

Team-wise, **Mesa** continues its climb to 600 wins. Coached by **Bill McKane**, the Jackrabbits finished 8-4 last year, giving the school 557 wins since 1920. Mesa is one of the few high schools in the western United States with 500-plus wins in football and 1,000-plus in basketball.



Former Arizona schoolboy stars Michael Bates (81) and Randall McDaniel (64), all-pro picks in '96, and Kevin Miniefield of the Chicago Bears.

Bates, McDaniel '96 All-Pro Picks

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER

According to Census Bureau estimates, Arizona's population growth dropped off last year. But it still climbed enough to be the second fastest growing state in the country.

Arizona added 123,000 new residents last year, hiking the state's population closer to five-million. The 2.9 percent increase was second only to Nevada's 4.5.

By the turn of the century, for the first time ever, Arizona could have 200 high schools. This growth is reflected in its sports programs. As more and more athletes compete, more and more reach the pro ranks.

But good high school football is nothing new to the Grand Canyon State. Last year, only two states west of the Mississippi River, Texas and California, had more former schoolboy stars on NFL rosters than Arizona.

Football and track, a happy marriage at most schools, has always been Arizona's premier sports. It was no surprise that one of Arizona's all-time greatest high school stars, Tucson's Michael

Bates, landed a spot on the 1996 Associated Press All-Pro team, as the league's premier kick returner. Joining Bates was another former schoolboy star from Arizona, Randall McDaniel, a guard for the Minnesota Vikings. Bates is a receiver for the Carolina Panthers.

There have been many two-sport stars, but none recently with the speed of Michael Bates, whose brother Mario plays for the New Orleans Saints.

"The older Bates (Michael) was without a doubt the best two-sport star from Arizona since Tucson High's legendary Joe Batiste," claims Tempe sports writer Skip Bryant, who has covered the preps for 40 years.

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There are similarities. Batiste, a member of the United States' mythical 1940 Olympic team, was an all-state back in football and a world class high hurdler.

At Tucson Amphitheater, between 1985-88, Bates scored 53 touchdowns, 318 points and rushed for 3,803 yards. In track & field, the future Olympian was a schoolboy phenom. In 1987, he set national age group records for sophomores with times of 10.34 for 100 meters, 20.90 at 200 meters and 13.84 for the 110 meter high hurdles.

His 20.68 time at 200 meters in 1988, his junior year, is today the second fastest in state history, behind another Arizona Olympian, South Mountain's Dwayne Evans. Bates ran 100 meters in 10.39 that year, and zipped over the high hurdles in 13.70.

Sadly, because of a coaching conflict, Bates did not compete in high school track his senior year. He attended the University of Arizona, and after an average football career - but a terrific track career - landed in the National Football League with the Seattle Seahawks.

McDaniel, himself a multiple sports star at Agua Fria High in Avondale, has

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been one of the NFL's premier lineman for years. In high school he earned all-state honors as a tight end/defensive end, playing for head coach Pat Lavin. McDaniel starred in the 1983 Arizona North-South All-Star Game, catching three touchdown passes. In basketball, he once grabbed 31 rebounds in a single game, and threw the shot put and discus in track. Before graduating from college, McDaniel was a member of Arizona State's 1987 Rose Bowl team.

"When he started out at Arizona State, he was a tight end," says Lavin. "The best thing that ever happened to him was they switched him to guard. That move made him a millionaire."

Last year, 29 former Arizona schoolboy products dotted NFL rosters (see chart), down from 32 the previous year. This summer, with the addition of 10 new draft picks and free agents, the state creeps closer to 40, an amazing number for a region with less than five-million population.

Since the New York Giants picked Phoenix Union's Cecil Mulleneaux in 1932, over 200 Arizona high school products have played professional football in the United States (NFL) and Canada (CFL).

When it comes to athletic ability, St. Louis Ram defensive back Anthony Parker takes a back seat to nobody. The former Tempe McClintock football and baseball star, also a member of the Sun Devils' '87 Rose Bowl team, still stars in the secondary.

When scoring defensive touchdowns, the slowest player in the Rams' secondary is Deion Sanders' equal. Last year, Parker's 92-yard interception return during a 17-14 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars was his seventh career defensive score - four on interceptions and three on fumbles. That matches Sanders, the Dallas Cowboys high-profile back, for the lead among active players, and is only three shy of the NFL career mark set by former Houston all-pro Kenny Houston.

"Anthony Parker is the thief," said Todd Lyght, the Rams' other cornerback.

PRO PARADE

The 29 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1996.

OFFENSE

Position/Player/Pro Team/High School	College
QB Rodney Peete, Philadelphia Eagles (Tucson Sahuaro)	USC
QB Jeff Lewis, Denver Broncos (Scottsdale Horizon)	Northern Arizona
RB Mario Bates, New Orleans Saints (Tucson Amphi)	ASU
RB Ryan Christopherson, Arizona Cardinals (Cactus)	Wyoming
WR Michael Bates, Carolina Panthers (Tempe Amphi)	Arizona
WR Anthony Edwards, Arizona Cardinals (Casa Grande)	N.M. Highlands
WR Kevin Alexander, New York Giants (Phoenix Goldwater)	Utah State
WR Damon Mays, Washington Redskins (Phoenix Central)	Missouri
TE Derek Price, Detroit Lions (Tempe Marcos de Niza)	Iowa
TE Richard Griffith, Jacksonville Jaguars (Tucson Catalina)	Arizona
OL Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria)	ASU
OL John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	Arizona
OL Danny Villa, Kansas City Chiefs (Nogales)	ASU
OL Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	NAU
OL Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	SMU
OL Frank Garcia, Carolina Panthers (Phoenix Maryvale)	Washington
PK Cole Ford, Oakland Raiders (Tucson Sabino)	USC
P Jeff Feagles, Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix Gerard)	Miami (Fla.)

DEFENSE

DB Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Anthony Parker, St. Louis Rams (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB Phillippi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Muhammad Oliver, Washington Redskins (Phoenix North)	Oregon
DB Kevin Miniefield, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Camelback)	ASU
DB Toby Wright, St. Louis Rams (Mesa Dobson)	Nebraska
DB Darryl Morrison, Washington Redskins (Phoenix Camelback)	Arizona
DB Mike Scurlock, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Cholla)	Arizona
DB Eddie Cade, Kansas City Chiefs (Eloy Santa Cruz)	ASU
LB Sean Harris, Chicago Bears (Tucson)	Arizona
LB Jason Kyle, Seattle Seahawks (Tempe McClintock)	ASU

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS

RB Darnell Autry, Chicago Bears (Tempe Union)	Northwestern
DE Shawn Swayda, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Brophy Prep)	ASU
DB Armon Williams, Houston Oilers (Tempe Valley Christian)	Arizona
DB Kenny Wheaton, Dallas Cowboys (Tempe McClintock)	Oregon

"He steals the goods and gets away scot-free. He's the classic bad guy."

"I've been fortunate, I guess," Parker told *The Associated Press*. "I just have that mentality when I get the ball I've got to score. It's just the way I've always been."

In high school Parker played for Arizona's all-time winningest coach, Karl

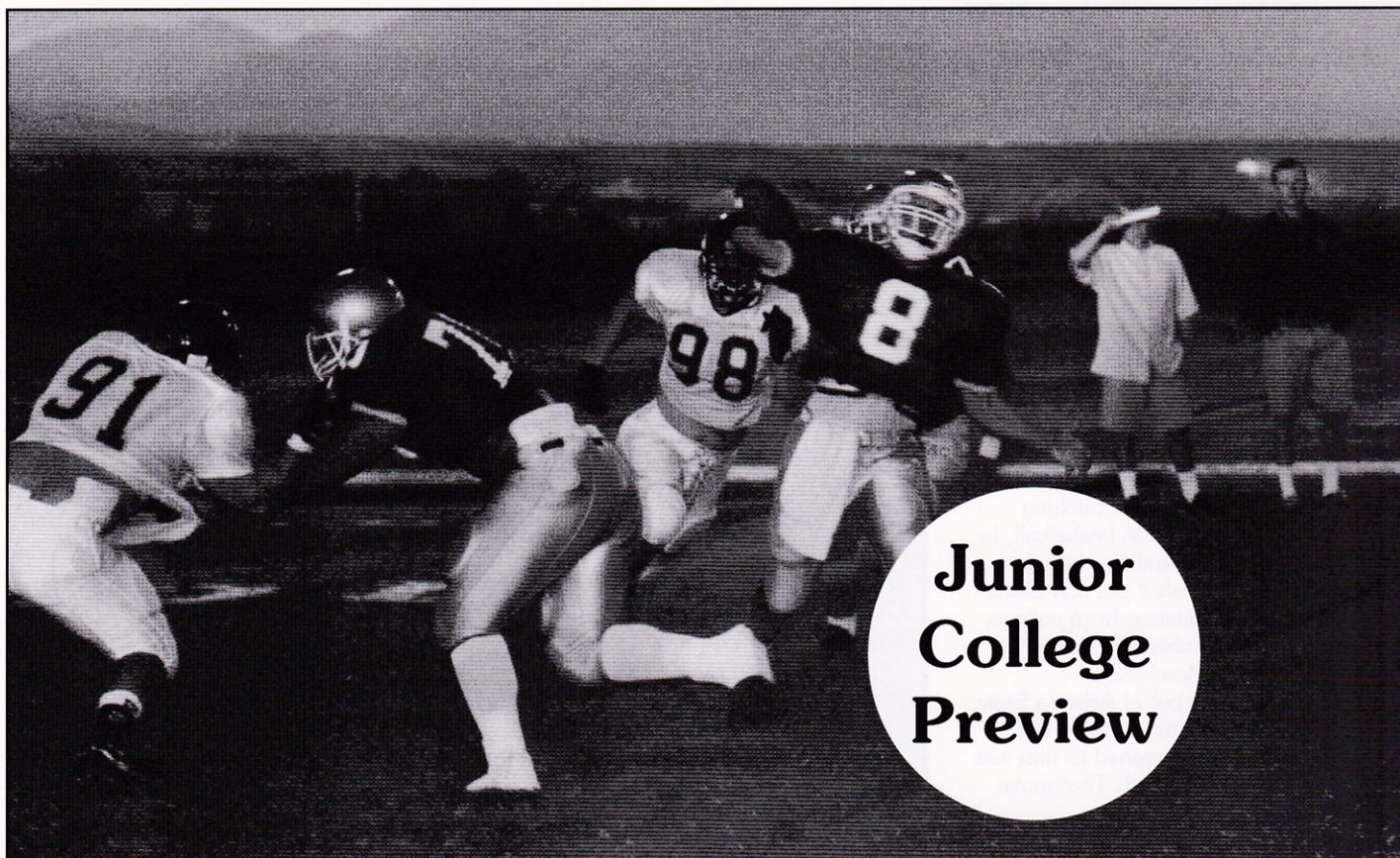
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Kiefer, and was a running back and state scoring champion. He finished his prep career with 54 touchdowns, 29 during his senior year.

He was converted to defensive back at Arizona State, where he started for four years, touted by assistant coach Willie Shaw, now the Rams' defensive coordinator. In 1991, Parker led the World Football League with 11 interceptions, two for touchdowns.

Playing for Minnesota in 1992, Parker scored his first NFL touchdown on a 58-yard fumble return. In 1994, he returned two interceptions and a fumble for scores.

"I've always felt like I was an offensive player," Parker adds. "When I get the ball I've got to score."



Eastern Arizona quarterback Jacob Brann (8) gets off a pass against Snow College. Dave Busch (71) blocks.
(Courier photo)

Mesa, Glendale Still Teams To Beat

By **BART CONLEY**

Like always, the annual Valley of the Sun Bowl, pitting the county's best junior college club against an out-of-state opponent, produced more fireworks than a July holiday.

In December, running back Anthony Dileo, the ACCAC Player of the Year, rushed for 175 yards, scored three touchdowns, returned a kickoff 46 yards and threw a touchdown pass, as host Glendale College (8-3) sprinted past Butler County, Kansas, 46-25.

It was head coach Jack Kersting's last game with the Gauchos. He then headed north, joining the staff at Northern Arizona University. It was Glendale's sixth state crown in seven years, and avenged a 26-24 loss to Kansas foe Garden City in the '95 contest.

The Grizzlies (7-4) managed 173 yards on the ground and 299 through the air, with the pitch-and-catch combination of quarterback Craig Strickland to Ricky Hall

causing the most damage. Both earned JC All-America status.

Besides Dileo's heroics, Glendale back Jay Hinton, a University of Arizona signee out of Phoenix Maryvale, added 137 yards and one score on 14 carries. Dileo carried the ball 24 times as the Gauchos running game amassed 403 yards.

"They had a good, balanced offense," said Kersting, who will coach NAU's defensive backs and special teams. "We concentrated on stopping the run. That was a big part of their offense. Our goal line stand with 14 minutes left probably sealed it for us."

Glendale finished the season No. 8 in the final NJCAA poll. It was the 10th postseason appearance in 15 years for Butler, a Kansas power.

"The schools you play in Arizona are damn good," first year coach James Shibest told *The Arizona Republic*. Shibest was an assistant at Garden City in 1995. "I told my athletic director, if we

had a choice, that's where I'd like to go play."

Besides Dileo, three additional Gauchos landed berths on the Western States Football League all-star squad: offensive lineman Marty Jones, defensive back Askia Stewart and Hinton, as a return specialist.

In the state JC ranks, every school but **Arizona Western** looks improved. Even though they broke 11 offensive records, it was a disappointing season at **Mesa**, according to head coach David Rice. "We were very young and it showed. Our kicking game lost three games for us, but recruiting solved that problem."

Price didn't have far to go to solve it, landing all-state kicker Jeremy Kelley, a key member of Mountain View's 5A state championship squad. Kelley kicked 15 field goals last year, 30 during his varsity career. He set a state record with five in one game against Tempe Marcos de Niza.

Altogether, Mesa returns seven offensive starters and six defensive starters. A

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good recruiting class gives the Thunderbirds an important two deep look, and should improve last year's 4-6 finish. Two key all-league players return: defensive back Gavin Engle (6-3, 205) and defensive tackle Gilbert Aldana (6-0, 275). Speedy Gerald Green (5-9, 190), a much traveled running back, should start, along with tight end Randy Hakes (6-4, 240), a big-time prospect who has returned from a Mormon Mission. Giant tackle Ford Poston (6-8, 300), wideout William Lloyd (6-1, 180) and linebacker Mike Pekrul (6-3, 220) give Mesa three more major college prospects.

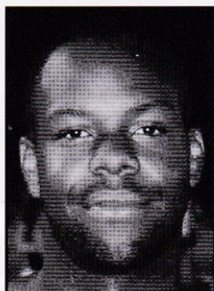
Besides Kelley, T'Bird newcomers who could be impact players include tight end Ricky Prigge (6-3, 215), tackle Chris Van Gorder (6-3, 295), defensive back Yohance Scott (6-1, 180), and wideouts Eric Moody (6-2, 175) and Chris Little (6-4, 175). All are former East Valley schoolboy products.

This fall seven former T'Birds will be playing for Pac-10 schools: defensive end Jayson Brown (UCLA) out of Scottsdale Saguardo, defensive end Bob McKane (Oregon State) from Mesa Westwood, tackle Tony Marshall (Oregon State) from Marcos de Niza, center Rusty James (Arizona) and tackle Ryan Turley (Arizona), both of Mesa Mountain View, tight end Ashley Burrows (Arizona) out of Chandler, and defensive back Aundrae Harris (California), a Phoenix Camelback product.

Mike Grossner, who coached last year at Agua Fria High, replaces Joe Kersting



Randy Hakes
Mesa



Marq Muldrow
Glendale

'97 Junior College Blue-Chippers

QB...Mark Brooks.....	6-3, 205	Glendale
RB...Gerald Green.....	5-9, 190	Mesa
RB...Steve Holmes.....	5-10, 185	Phoenix
WR...Jason Carr.....	5-10, 185	Phoenix
TE...Randy Hakes.....	6-4, 240	Mesa
OT...Mike Wilhelms.....	6-8, 330	Glendale
DT...Gilbert Aldana.....	6-0, 275	Mesa
LB...Dane Sorenson.....	6-2, 235	Glendale
DB...Isaac Banks.....	5-10, 175	Eastern Arizona
DB...Gavin Engle.....	6-3, 205	Mesa
PK...Mike Johnson.....	6-0, 225	Glendale
PK...Jeremy Kelley.....	6-0, 170	Mesa

at **Glendale**, where the Gauchos hope to defend their state crown with 25 lettermen and a solid recruiting class. Grossner is no stranger to Gaucho football, returning to the school where he served as offensive coordinator.

"This will be my seventh year here, and I think we can compete for another state championship," warns the new coach. "But we have a tough early schedule. We'll have to grow up early."

Watch for major college programs to pick up linebacker Dane Sorenson (6-2, 235), tackle Mike Wilhelms (6-8, 330) and kicker Mike Johnson (6-0, 225), an all-conference pick. Speedy defensive backs Herb Craft (5-9, 165, 4.4) and Troy Sheets (6-3, 210, 4.5) are tough. Guard Miguel Regalado (6-2, 260) and receiver Jess Castillo (5-9, 175) should start.

Several key newcomers could make a big difference, starting with gifted quarterback Mark Brooks (6-3, 205), a former Phoenix Greenway star; fullback James Mova (6-1, 205), who rushed for 1,885 yards and 31 touchdowns at Kingman; and tackle Marquise Muldrow (6-3, 305), two-time state shot put champ from Phoenix Maryvale. The quickest newcomer appears to be cornerback Carlos Harris (6-1, 175), a 4.4 cover guy, also from Maryvale.

If upstart **Eastern Arizona** learns to win the close games, watch out. The Gila Monsters, coached by Paul Tidwell, were competitive in every game, but still finished 4-6. "We're making progress," claims Tidwell. "But we still have a ways to go to build the program to where we have that winning tradition."

The line looks solid, with sophomores Ralph Frias (6-5, 315), Jon Mathis (6-3, 275), John Oddonetto (6-5, 283) and

Sakalia Magalei (6-5, 235). Magalei, a redshirt freshman, starts at tight end.

Still, the marquee player is free safety Isaac Banks (5-10, 175, 4.5), a second team all-Western State Football League pick. The former Tucson Sabino standout had four interceptions. In fact, the secondary is another EAJC strength, with safety Louison Paul (6-2, 215, 4.6) joining Banks to wreck havoc upon enemy receivers. Linebacker Orlando Huff (6-2, 225) backs up a solid front wall. The Gila Monsters signed 28 in-state players to football scholarships.

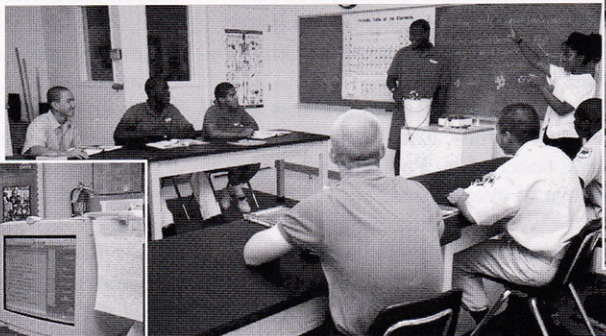
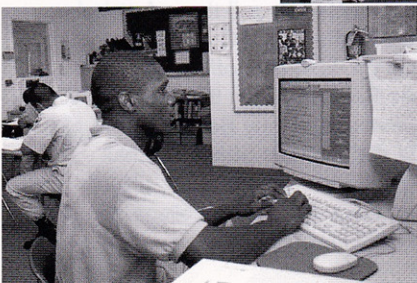
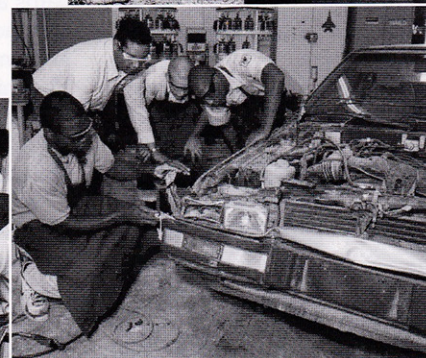
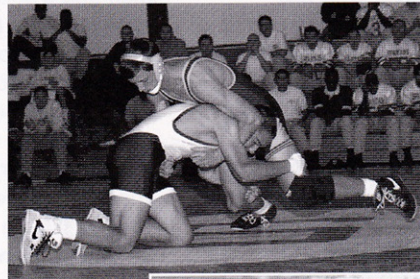
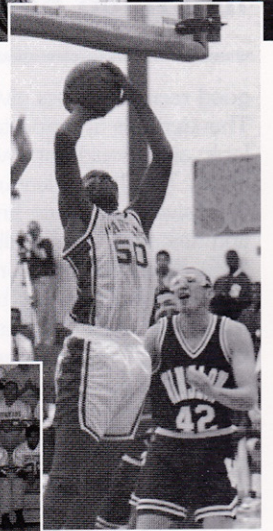
Phoenix College landed its strongest recruiting class in three years. They'll need it. John Allen's defense was much improved, but the Bears' offense finished last in the ACCAC. The school's lone win came against Scottsdale.

Still, quarterback is the big question. Whoever fills in will have a good running back for support, one of the best in the conference. Sophomore Steve Holmes (5-10, 185) runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. Wideouts Jason Carr (5-10, 185), an all-ACCAC pick, and Chris Gana (5-10, 185) give the Bears two speedy receivers. Tackle Ramon Lopez (6-3, 275) is a solid player. Defensively, linemen Steve Price (6-2, 230) and Wes Latecki (6-2, 235) return. Manuel Lopez (6-0, 230) and Steve Cota (5-11, 195) form a quick, tough linebacking corps. Cory Walker (5-10, 190, 4.5) returns in the secondary.

At **Scottsdale**, all three Artichokes named to the ACCAC all-star squad picked up diplomas: offensive lineman Shane Roberts, down lineman Tim Croft and linebacker Tony Becker. Croth also made the Western States Football League honor roll, including players from Snow, Dixie and Ricks College. He signed with the University of Utah.



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The Pointe's Pennsylvania Trip Old News



The criticism surrounding the announcement that **Tempe Mountain Pointe** will open its season August 29 against **Wilson High** in West Lawn, Pa., has gone from comical to ridiculous. But such is the case today, where - in some school districts - athletics are considered the evil Darth Vader of the high school curriculum.

Unknown to most critics, and, unfortunately many sports writers, there have been hundreds of games played by Phoenix metropolitan schools against teams from outside the Grand Canyon State.

Between 1916 and 1969, the state's "Big Five," **Phoenix Union, Mesa, St. Mary's, Phoenix North** and **Tucson**, played 258 games against teams from Nebraska, Texas, California, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Nevada and Mexico City, winning 60% of the time.

But when Mountain Pointe Principal Harold Slemmer, at the encouragement of head coach Karl Kiefer, arranges a home-and-away contest with his brother's school in Pa. (Slemmer's brother Gerald is the WHS head coach), you'd think the school system had lost its mind.

Forget the fact that hundreds of Arizona high school bands have marched across out-of-state soil, from Washington, D.C., to Miami, to Pasadena, and sometimes missed class doing so. "It's ridiculous to send a football team across the country to play a high school game," say critics. "Who's going to pay for this, the tax payers?"

Somebody actually asked that question.

Never mind the fact that the Pride's progressive booster club, which annually sells over \$25,000 in advertising for its 116-page souvenir game program, has helped pick up the tab. Or that stops at historic **Gettysburg** are on the agenda. Or that **Wilson High** will return the favor next year.

In fact, as recent as 1995, one Arizona school, **Tucson Sabino**, traveled farther, when the Sabercats journeyed to Connecticut, and beat **New Canaan**, 28-21. Based on mileage, here are several of the more historic games played between Arizona schools on out-of-state soil:

In 1938, **Port Arthur, Texas**, one of the Lone Star State's all-time winningest programs, beat **Mesa High** 28-21, down by the Gulf. Three years later the Yellowjackets beat Mesa again, 13-6, also in Texas.

In 1949, **St. Mary's** hit the road, beating **Mexico City** 34-6 at the Olympic Stadium. Five years ago **Sabino** beat **Waianae** 31-12 in Hawaii, the same year national power **Honolulu St. Louis** beat **Mesa Mountain View**, 21-7. Last year **Sabino** beat **Chillicothe, Ohio** 49-12 in Ohio.

Today, horses train at **Turf Paradise** on better facilities and run on better tracks than many high school athletes in several of the school districts in Maricopa County. School districts which have scaled back athletic funding, dropped lower level programs, and often have head coaches who don't even teach on campus.

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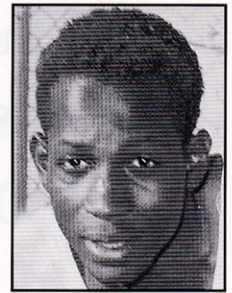
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- 7 Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931
- 6 Ford Knowles, Miami, 1923 (jr)
- 6 Mike Swick, Miami, 1924
- 6 Joe Causey, Douglas, 1925
- 6 Riley Hatfield, Kearny Ray, 1958
- 6 Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
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- 6 Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1984
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- 38 Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
- 38 Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
- 38 Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
- 38 Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1982 (jr)
- 38 Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1984

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- 38 Lonnie Graham, Miami, 1986
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- 38 Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

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- 321 Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994
- 314 Jim Faulks, Flowing Wells, 1958
- 313 Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1991
- 312 Kyle Muldrow, Coolidge, 1986
- 311 Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990
- 310 Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994
- 307 Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
- 306 Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)
- 303 Joe Petroschus, Tucson, 1968

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

- 2,740 Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 2,515 Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
- 2,349 Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994
- 2,253 Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
- 2,200 Glenn King, Casa Grande, 1950
- 2,107 Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 2,107 Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
- 2,053 Junior Tate, Casa Grande, 1953 (so)
- 2,017 Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

- 5,711 Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
- 5,440 Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
- 4,836 Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
- 4,490 Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1991-94
- 4,458 Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
- 4,480 Hadley Hicks, Bisbee, 1948-51
- 4,221 Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69

CARRIES (GAME)

- 44 Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
- 42 Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
- 40 Jim Fitzpatrick, Tucson Salpointe, 1962
- 39 Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1968 (jr)
- 39 Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 39 Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
- 39 Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1984 (jr)
- 39 Leroy Long, Bisbee, 1992
- 39 Mark Burnham, Miami, 1996

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

- 20.3 Junior Tate, Casa Grande, 1953 (so)
- 13.9 Max Hancock, Safford, 1946
- 13.6 Ramon Ruiz, Clifton, 1967
- 13.4 Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990
- 13.3 Joe Batiste, Tucson, 1938 (jr)
- 13.0 Bruce Reed, Florence, 1983
- 12.8 David Adams, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)
- 12.7 Tommy Neal, Florence, 1983
- 12.6 Frank Ards, Marana, 1965
- 12.4 Corey Hill, Sabino, 1992 (jr)
- 12.3 Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99 Frank Estavillo, Safford, 1930
- 99 Manuel Chacon, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1954
- 99 Oscar Nogales, Ajo, 1962

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In three years, Santa Cruz back Mike Cade rushed for 4,458 yards and scored 56 touchdowns (Arizona Republic photo).

99.....Pete Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977
99.....Greg Johnson, Tucson Palo Verde, '85
99.....Juan Huerta, San Manuel, 1996 (jr)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

431.....Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994(jr)
426.....Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
425.....Dennis Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 1983
424.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, '82 (jr)
402.....Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993
399.....Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
392.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
392.....Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1995
385.....Gabe Lindstrom, Bisbee, 1993
384.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

3,103...Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1995
2,736...Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
2,686...Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
2,539...Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, '94 (jr)
2,479...Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
2,275...David Gatliff, Yuma Kofa, 1996 (jr)
2,228...Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
2,131...Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
2,080...Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
2,079...Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
2,072...Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside, 1985 (jr)
2,033...Tom Brown, Tucson Sabino, 1990
2,015...William Urbina, Tucson Pueblo, 1991

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

6,137...Olen Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1993-95

5,774...Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, '85-88
5,731...Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86
5,281...Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
5,002...Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1993-95
4,677...Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89
4,459...Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
4,426...Jason Verdugo, CDO, 1990-92

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

6.....Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
6.....Dan Gonzales, Tombstone, 1985
5.....Johnny Mansour, Miami, 1957
5.....Ray Guana, Safford, 1957
5.....Dick Galvez, Flowing Wells, 1967
5.....Kent Hawkins, Coolidge, 1969
5.....Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970
5.....Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970
5.....Terry Pollock, Tucson, 1972
5.....Tom Wiedenbauer, Tucson Sahuaro, '75
5.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, '82 (jr)
5.....Mike Matlock, Tucson CDO, 1984 (jr)
5.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
5.....Ricky Garcia, Florence, 1985
5.....Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1988
5.....Jason Simpson, Wellton Antelope, '88
5.....Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
5.....Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993
5.....David Gatliff, Yuma Kofa, 1996 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

28.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984

27.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
27.....Ryan Gaines, Sabino, 1996 (jr)
26.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1985 (jr)
26.....Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1995
25.....Frank Fernandez, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
25.....Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1975 (jr)
25.....Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

66.....Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
48.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86
47.....Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
47.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1979-80
45.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84
45.....Olen Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1993-95

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99.....Tony Cortez Rose to Bill Salzbrenner,
.....Douglas, 1975
99.....Dave Lytle to Todd Schulz,
.....Tombstone, 1979
98.....Frank Fernandez to Ron Jackson,
.....Tucson Pueblo, 1967
97.....J.C. Brooks to Larry Baeza,
.....Miami, 1971
97.....Arnold Tarpley to Houston Turner,
.....Tucson Cholla, 1975
97.....Rhett Wilber to Gino Lizarraga,
.....Flowing Wells, 1986
97.....Doug Osmundson to Billy Burris,
.....Florence, 1988

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

21.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
16.....Netro Mada, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994
14.....Lance Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1973
14.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
14.....Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
13.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
12.....Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973
12.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
12.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

101.....Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)
84.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
81.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
73.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
70.....Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
67.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
67.....Rafael Martinez, Nogales, 1989
65.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

158.....Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86
152.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
149.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
144.....Clifton Jones, Florence (active)
140.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1976-79
124.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1973-75
120.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

304.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972

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292.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 246.....Dawaun Hill, Tucson Pueblo, 1989
 244.....Netro Mada, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994
 243.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
 243.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 234.....Rob Moen, Flowing Wells, 1987
 227.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 227.....Wes Lewis, Tucson Catalina, 1978
 224.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,601...Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)
 1,492...Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 1,222...John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 1,174...George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
 1,172...Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 1,119...Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 1,050...Steve Vargas, Tucson Pueblo, 1980
 1,049...John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983
 1,035...Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1982
 1,024...Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)
 1,014...Tim Bridges, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 1,010...Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,613...Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 2,490...Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86
 2,375...John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
 2,300...Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

4.....Paul Ray Powell, Eloy Santa Cruz, '65
 4.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 4.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972
 4.....David Headley, Kearny Ray, 1972
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 4.....Pat Mohen, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985
 4.....Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

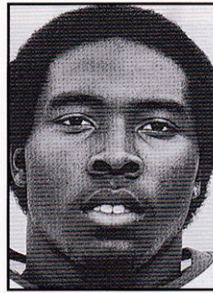
18.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 18.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 18.....Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)
 17.....Brian Poli-Dixon, Sabino, 1996
 15.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 15.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 15.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985
 15.....Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

29.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88
 28.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 27.....Ken Murdock, Antelope, 1969-71
 27.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5.....Mike Koza, Tucson Santa Rita, 1974
 5.....Aaron Smith, Tucson Sabino, 1996
 4.....Larry Epling, Canyon del Oro, 1971
 4.....Steve Perry, Morenci, 1974
 4.....Randy Robbins, Casa Grande, 1979



Fred Sims
Sunnyside



Aaron Smith
Tucson Sabino

4.....Pat Mohon, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Paul Reed, Tucson Amphih, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

18.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
 16.....Brandon Tomerlin, Superior, 1996 (so)
 14.....Aaron Smith, Tucson Sabino, 1996
 13.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1974
 12.....Brad Justesen, Kearny Ray, 1969
 12.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1973 (jr)
 12.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1979
 12.....Mickey Wheeler, Coolidge, 1979
 12.....Gino Lizarraga, Flowing Wells, 1986
 11.....Flenard Grisby, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
 11.....Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1978
 11.....George Duarte, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

30.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1972-74
 29.....Billy Burris, Florence, 1987-89
 25.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1966-67
 24.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1977-79
 20.....Charles Cobbs, Florence, 1975-77
 20.....Aaron Smith, Tucson Sabino, 1995-96

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

105.....Michael Hinojos, Hayden, 1992
 103.....Tomas Soto, Tucson Palo Verde, 1992
 102.....Martin Colbaugh, Globe, 1955 (so)
 102.....Harry O'Hagin, Nogales, 1945
 102.....Joe Ortiz, Florence, 1948
 102.....Mike Lemos, Yuma, 1992 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4.....Bill Shirk, Tucson Santa Rita, 1973
 4.....Chris Kinnamon, Globe, 1984
 4.....Adam Macklin, Tucson Amphih, 1989
 4.....Jason Givens, Yuma, 1992

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

11.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 10.....Alex Giffords, Tucson Sabino, 1978
 10.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

29.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985-88

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

57.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1977

57.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988
 55.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1976 (jr)
 54.....Jeff Hernandez, Miami, 1970
 54.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990
 53.....Dave Newton, Tucson Sabino, 1984
 53.....Bubba Culin, Tucson Rincon, 1991
 53.....George Bon, Tucson Salpointe, 1992

PATS (GAME)

11.....Joey Mariscal, Florence, 1987
 10.....Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950
 10.....Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
 10.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 10.....Jose Salcedo, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)
 10.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990

PATS (SEASON)

70.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 66.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967 (jr)
 60.....Mark Kilian, Mountain View, 1993
 58.....Steve McLaughlin, Tucson Sahuaro, '89
 57.....Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950
 55.....Arlen Bethay, Tucson Amphih, 1979
 52.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990

PATS (CAREER)

136.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967-68
 94.....Anthony Facio, Santa Cruz, 1979-81
 83.....Brad Foote, Sierra Vista Buena, '75-77
 76.....Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1949-50
 76.....Tanner Nolan, Sabino, 1993-94

LONGEST PUNT

91.....Chester Beach, Ajo, 1954
 83.....Rodney Peete, Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)
 80.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946 (so)
 80.....Jesus Hernandez, Douglas, 1979 (so)

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

60.6.....Mark Kalastro, Bisbee, 1935 (jr)
 50.2.....Eddie Pottorff, Tucson, 1938
 47.3.....Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee, 1980 (jr)
 47.0.....Tim Carter, Miami, 1980
 46.6.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1947 (jr)
 46.6.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990 (jr)
 45.5.....Jose Lopez, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
 45.2.....Tony Lindsey, Marana, 1962

PUNTING AVERAGE (CAREER)

51.5.....Mark Kalestro, Bisbee, 1934-36
 45.4.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990-91
 43.3.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946-48
 43.2.....Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975-77

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

103.....Buddy Baker, Miami, 1939
 99.....Art Ortega, Tucson Pueblo, 1996
 97.....Chris Lee, Thatcher, 1977
 97.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 96.....John Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1974 (jr)

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

107.....James Simon, Sierra Vista Buena, '89
 106.....Barry Bacon, Tucson Sahuaro, 1989

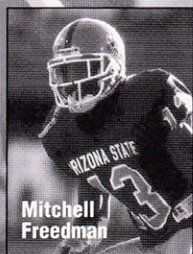
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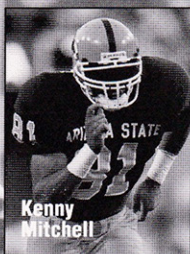
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John Kashner	DB	Tucson Flowing Wells High School	5'10"	165
Kyle Kosier	LB'r	Glendale Cactus High School	6'6"	225
Cody Price	ILB	Mesa Westwood High School	6'3"	230
Justin Taplin	WR	Tempe High School	6'	180
Ralph Zarate	OL	Tucson High School	6'5"	275

These freshman will join all Pac-10 safety Mitchell Freedman of Maryvale HS, flyback Jeff Paulk of Tempe Corona de Sol HS, wide receivers Kenny Mitchell of Peoria HS, and Creig Spann of South Mountain HS. ALSO...

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Ryan Kealy	QB	St. Mary's High School	6'2"	190
Tariq McDonald	WR	St. Mary's High School	6'1"	180
Jason Moore	TE	Horizon High School	6'5"	255
Stephen Trejo	LB	Casa Grande High School	6'3"	235
Quincy Yancy	DE	Glendal Ironwood High School	6'7"	245

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Eric Guliford	WR'r	New Orleans Saints	Peoria HS
Jason Kyle	LB'r	Seattle Seahawks	McClintock HS
Randall McDaniel	Off Guard	Minnesota Vikings	Agua Fria HS
Kevin Miniefield	Corner	Chicago Bears	Camelback HS
Anthony Parker	Corner	St. Louis Rams	McClintock HS
Phillippi Sparks	Corner	New York Giants	Maryvale HS
Shawn Swayda	D-Line	Chicago Bears	Brophy Prep HS
Danny Villa	Off Line	Kansas City Chiefs	Nogales HS
Darren Woodson	Safety	Dallas Cowboys	Maryvale HS

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